

Aux Sable Creek Watershed Plan

Issues Identified by Committee

Please note: Issues are in no particular order. All statements are verbatim from committee members who returned "homework" at September meeting. Statements have been divided into categories to help recognize similarities and understand the issues. Some statements fall within two categories & have been repeated to reflect that.

Improving Development Practices

- Sustainable development that has bmp incorporated that use good principles of conservation and promotes wildlife habitat.
- Incorporation of responsible development practices that would allow development and protect environment (smart growth, etc.)
- Stormwater management in existing and future development, handling (appropriately) the volume and rate of water through bmps and ordinance language.
- Flood plain and wetland protection and preservation.
- Establishing bmp that are beneficial to the Aux Sable Creek without being overly restrictive to development.
- Unplanned and rapid development that puts the watershed sustainability secondary to growth.
- Limit/control runoff from new developments.
- Connecting stormwater management to water infiltration.
- Conservation design developments.
- Stormwater protection.
- Protect the right of developers who choose to develop the land.

Local Government & Regulations

- Intergovernmental cooperation – regional planning – public outreach/involvement.
- Does our comprehensive master plan and natural areas management plan coincide with the watershed plan and vice versa.
- Encourage incorporation of the watershed plan, bmp recommendations, etc. into local ordinances as a credit, bonus, etc.
- Discharge rate.
- Preservation and sustainability of creek/open space.
- Stormwater management – (countywide authority; development of common standards; possible tailored to specific watershed bmp's; regional stormwater facilities and coordination.)
- Flood plain and wetland protection and preservation.
- Establishing bmp that are beneficial to the Aux Sable Creek without being overly restrictive to development.
- Ordinances.
- Land users/owners coordination/cooperation with county representative.
- Understanding/implementing bmp's in development agreements and city ordinances.

- Incorporating Aux Sable Watershed (areas of) in city comprehensive plan update (2007-2008).
- Kendall County providing strong leadership much as Kane County has with its municipalities.

Landowner & Stakeholders

- New development and its impact on landowners adjacent to project (drainage issues).
- Networking with other interested stakeholders in order to work together, combine resources, obtain funding, etc.
- Personal agendas and stakeholders interfering with sustainability of watershed.
- Lack of interest in watershed based planning by the 6 municipalities in ASCW (landgrowth approach to planning).
- The city is expanding into Kendall County with development and is concerned with protection of the Aux Sable Creek.
- Land users/owners coordination/cooperation with county representative.
- Improve quality of life.
- That the watershed plan will not be hindering the development of Channahon's west side area.
- Protecting the watershed area in this industrial area.
- Joliet's lack of concern of creek watershed.
- Protect the land values of landowners.
- Protect the right of developers who choose to develop the land.
- Not be dictated by persons who built houses in the flood plain.

Creek Quality

- Preservation and sustainability of creek/open space.
- Water quality – maintenance and protection of creek & tributaries.
- Preserve water quality.
- Overall protection of the watershed: development, stormwater management, flooding, etc.
- Maintaining/enhancing water quality (stormwater).
- Buffer zones to provide filtration and wildlife habitat for run off.
- Protection of environmental resources within watershed.
- Creek bank erosion.
- Keeping a larger buffer along the creek in the watershed/protection from flooding.
- Joliet's lack of concern of creek watershed.
- Yes, protect the watershed. Farmers do that and have done so. But we don't need more regulations.

Education

- Coordination with communities for education.
- Education to the general public of all ages especially school age children.
- Education of our conservative programs to assist those who need it to protect the watershed.
- Lessen fear of landowners (farmers) that protecting creek will cost them money.
- Educate landowners (farmers) to be not so hostile to ideas that are being promoted.
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Other

- Help Kendall County for president find land to buy in Aux Sable Watershed.
- Protect wells, Fox River, stormwater run off to retention ponds.