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Hi all –

I hope everyone had a good holiday. Our next meeting is Thursday, January 10, 2008 from 4:30 – 6 p.m. We are back at Plainfield South High School's Media Center.

Our January meeting will focus on the following:

- data discussion
 1. general watershed data
 2. information request on municipal NPDES permits (**municipal reps: please complete the attached form & return to me**)
- timeline review
- landowner bill of rights support

I've attached the agenda, a list of the data currently acquired for the plan, a survey for the municipalities to gather information on their NPDES permits, and the final draft of the landowner bill of rights.

At our last meeting a draft landowner bill of rights was presented to the committee. I indicated the purpose was to make clear that the various representatives participating on the committee are participating in this plan with an approach intended to respect landowner rights. This is a collaborative watershed planning process intended to promote voluntary non-point source pollution control and to promote practices to protect watersheds. [Click here for a review on this.](#) With that goal in mind, representatives for a variety of different types of stakeholders in the Aux Sable Creek Watershed are participating on this advisory committee. A majority of the committee members felt the draft statement appropriate and inclusive of all types of landowners in the watershed. Since the December meeting, no additional comments have been forwarded to me. Therefore it seems as if everyone agrees with this statement & its intent. At our January meeting, I am asking all those agreeing with the statement to indicate that by signing their name. The attached document demonstrates what will be set out at the meeting for members to sign. If you feel it is important to check with the organization you are representing prior to signing, please do so in advance of the meeting. I will also make it available for signing at the February meeting.

A final note, a link to other watershed plans completed under the new criteria of IEPA is now available: <http://www.auxsablecreekwatershed.org/otherplans.html>. The main project website is:

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www.auxsablecreekwatershed.org.

Thanks & see you next week,
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Summary of Section 319 grant purpose (taken from publication IEPA/BOW/98-010)

By having a plan that meets the IEPA criteria, local governments and other organizations can qualify for Section 319 funding to implement projects that utilize cost-effective best management practices (BMPs) on a watershed scale. Projects may include structural BMPs such as detention basins and filter strips, nonstructural BMPs such as construction erosion control ordinances and setback zones to protect community water supply wells. Technical assistance and information/education programs are also eligible.

[Click here for a link to publication IEPA/BOW/98-010.](#)