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Hi all –

Thanks to those who were able to attend last Thursday's 319 Project committee meeting. **Our next meeting will be Feb. 7 from 4:30-6 p.m. at Plainfield South High School in the Media Center.** Here's a review of our January meeting:

- Welcome
 - As representatives for various stakeholders, we encourage each of you to constantly communicate committee discussions and issues with the area you represent. If you need clarification on a project-related activity, project goals, terminology, or other items please contact Stephanie at ssheetz@theconservationfoundation.org or (630) 553-0687 x. 304. Hopefully my follow-up e-mails & information on the website aid in disseminating information.
- Discussion on data for the plan
 - The [Guidance for Developing Watershed Action Plans](#) in Illinois lists a variety of data that should be included in watershed-based plans (list is attached here). Patrick VerHalen reviewed the data collected thus far (list is attached here) and showed the committee how some of that applies to the watershed (maps depicting data, graphs of population, etc.)
 - The website will be updated soon with a copy of Patrick's presentation, the list of data compiled so far & other documents that were available at the meeting. [Click here](#) for a direct link to the webpage that posts this information.
 - **Data we're seeking at this point (*can committee members help?*):**
 1. Copy of NPDES Phase II permits from: Minooka, Oswego, Plainfield, Yorkville
 2. Any other information/data you know of that was not mentioned at the meeting (or listed by us)
 - A committee member requested copies of the photos and mentioned additional pictures or testimonials might be able to provide more information on watershed conditions. Upon further consideration, we are concerned about putting private pictures on the internet – because they are of people's private property. Therefore, if you would like a copy of the pictures, please contact Stephanie. Stephanie will then need to obtain permission from those who provided pictures before handing those out to anyone. The purpose of the pictures is for information only – for conditions

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observed. There is no claim to authority or fact with these pictures. **If committee members know other issues in the watershed that need to be shared, please tell us now.**

- Draft vision statement

As agreed at the last meeting, a 3-person subcommittee met to discuss & draft a vision statement for the full committee to consider. This subcommittee included a person that's involved with the Aux Sable Creek Watershed Coalition and has been proactive on watershed issues (Joan Soltwisch), a local government representative (Jerry Dudgeon, Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning Director), and a farmer in the watershed (Sharon Homerding, Farm Bureau representative & landowner and farmer in watershed). Sharon did a great job summarizing the small group's discussion & presenting the draft statement:

"We intend to maintain the Class A rating of the Aux Sable Creek watershed and enhance the natural and economic health using good management practices, education and voluntary cooperation while respecting property owner rights."

Committee members are asked to provide their thoughts, by e-mail or phone, to Stephanie by Jan. 22.

The subcommittee will meet on the 23rd to discuss those comments & their own thoughts (after mulling the statement over a bit). An updated statement will be shared at our February meeting. We will be gauging the group's feeling as to whether this is an appropriate vision statement to include in the plan.

- Landowner Bill of Rights

- The purpose of this document (and including it in the watershed plan) 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.
- A number of committee members felt the draft statement appropriate and inclusive of all types of landowners in the watershed.
- Shortly before our Jan. meeting, one committee member expressed a desire to add a statement or modify a statement – concerned over open space planning in the watershed. Several members felt 1-2 points in the Landowner Bill of Rights already addressed open space planning & *voluntary* implementation of any plans related to that. One member expressed a desire to wait for a suggested revision. Therefore, it was agreed any suggested revision would be submitted to Stephanie within one week of the meeting (by 1/17/08). She would communicate that to the group & thoughts can be shared via e-mail until Jan. 31.
- **Committee members are asked to indicate their intent that their participation is consistent with that statement by signing it.** A final Landowner Bill of Rights, based on majority-rule from e-mails, will be available for signing at the Feb. 7 meeting. **You may choose to sign it or not sign it.** This document is not a required component of the plan, but will be included for its intent to clarify.

At our February meeting we plan to discuss more about National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II and how watershed planning relates to it. We also hope to discuss a draft table of contents for the watershed-based plan.

Thanks & see you in February!
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