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Attachments: Aux Sable Creek Watershed Plan issues compiled.pdf

Hello all –

Our next regularly scheduled meeting is next Thursday, Nov. 1 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. We will be in the Media Center at Plainfield South High School again (7800 Caton Farm Rd., Plainfield). Please arrive promptly. We have a full meeting agenda. **Please note:** Our January meeting will be meeting will be Jan. 10, 2008 rather than the 3rd.

Our November meeting will focus on the following:

1) more discussion on impairments & issues in the watershed

Early next week you will receive a list of examples of what impairments/issues have been identified in other watershed planning processes. Hopefully that gets everyone thinking a bit more about it. I'm also attaching information committee members already provided, which was handed out at the last meeting.

2) discussion of ranking goals

Attached is a compiled list of the goals discussed at the last meeting. One is the complete list, with information on the votes members cast. The second list is just those goals that received votes. Those will be the focus of our discussion on Thursday.

To be mindful of the 1.5 hours we have and to give everyone a chance to give input, we request members keep comments brief & to the point. Hopefully knowing what we plan to discuss helps you think of anything you'd like to say, so that we can do just that.

Pictures.... if you have pictures of the watershed, we would like a copy. We will have a scanner at the meeting & make the copy there. These pictures will be helpful in providing historical information and can be displayed in the updated plan. Types of photos we would like can include: flooding, crop damage, concern areas, good practices, historical photos. We plan to return your photo(s) by the end of the meeting. You may also e-mail photos to me.

Website.... We have a website up & running. It is: www.auxsablecreekwatershed.org We have a lot of information posted & plan to continue adding information. You may be particularly interested in the links available now: History (talks about what a watershed is, provides information on non-point source pollution, hosts the original watershed plan, and links to CMAP & IEPA's watershed based planning guide) and 319 Project. The links for the 319 Project include general information, watershed maps, information on the advisory committee, explanation of the project components, information about project funding, a meeting schedule, meeting documents (all handouts and presentation materials), and contact information. If you notice an error or feel

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something is confusing, please let me know so we can be sure the website is as clear and accurate as possible. I appreciate your assistance. We will continue to improve it and links to other information will be developed over the next year and a half of the project.

As I mentioned in my October meeting follow up, committee members that wish to share statements with the group are welcome to do so in writing. We have limited time at the meetings and need to get to work on the topics of the day. If you feel that a verbal statement is necessary, then you may contact me prior to the day of the meeting to discuss that request.

See you Nov. 1!
Stephanie

Review of October meeting

October's meeting immediately split committee members into small groups. Participants were randomly given a color as they entered the room. Groups were subsequently consolidated to have 4-6 people each. The groups discussed goals for the watershed, keeping in mind issues that were identified by committee members in Sept. and the goals from the original watershed plan. Committee members received a list of the goals & votes as a follow up on Oct. 11. Those who could not attend or left early were asked to cast their votes via e-mail by Oct. 15.

A subwatershed map was available, with names assigned to the subwatersheds per committee suggestions.

Review of September meeting

The September meeting provided more information about watersheds and detail about the 9 criteria, what a watershed plan does & does not do, as well as outcomes of this project. A link to a brochure explaining the Section 319 program, published by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), was e-mailed to the committee. This document can be found at: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/watershed/publications/nps-pollution/glossy.pdf>. It was explained we are following the Chicago Metropolitan Area Planning (CMAP) & IEPA endorsed 9-criteria process. That document can be found at: http://www.chicagoareaplanning.org/watershed/watershed_guide_FINAL.pdf. We also discussed that the advisory committee should work positively together (this is a proactive & voluntary project) and all those present at the meeting should respect all points of view & participants. Individuals with disrespectful, disruptive or threatening behavior will be asked to leave.

Review of July meeting

We went over the concept for the project as a whole, our anticipated process, everyone's responsibilities, and what committee members should expect. Members were asked to complete & returned an Aux Sable Creek Watershed Plan Stakeholder Information Sheet to provide more information about member's backgrounds and interest in the watershed.

A map of the watershed was mailed to committee members in August and everyone was asked to identify issues/concerns they knew about in the watershed or have identified through talking with others. This information was requested for the September meeting.

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