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Hello all –

Thanks to all who were able to attend last Thursday's committee meeting. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 3 from 4:30 – 6 p.m. at Plainfield South High School in the Media Center.

Below is a summary of the committee's March's meeting:

- Ordinance discussion
  1. Kelly Kramer discussed what ordinances are, what they regulate, some typical development ordinances, and answered questions from the committee.
  2. Committee representatives from various local governments shared information about their development ordinances and how their process for updates varied from what Kelly presented. The purpose of this discussion was to learn what is "on the books" with the local communities in the watershed & learn how local governmental entities might use recommendations from the plan. Note: The plan will have recommendations (not actual ordinance language). To the point that one attendee was questioning... having discussions about this & comparing ordinances helps identify areas where more coordination can occur & inconsistencies might be addressed so that the approach is similar throughout the watershed, rather than varying community by community.
- Final vision statement was agreed upon:
 

*We intend to maintain the Class A rating of the Aux Sable Creek and enhance the natural and economic health of the watershed using sound management practices, education and voluntary cooperation while respecting property owner rights.*
- Volunteers for a technical review committee were sought. The following committee members have volunteered:
  - Willa Bretthauer, watershed resident, Kendall County
  - Robert Munson, Kendall County landowner
  - Megan Andrews, Resource Conservationist with the Kendall County SWCD
  - Eric McTaggart, District Conservationist with NRCS
  - Heidi Miller, Director of Planning, Building, Zoning & Solid Waste for Grundy County
  - Greg Ruddy, Public Works Administrator with the City of Joliet's Department of Public Works & Utilities
  - Joan Soltwisch, Aux Sable Creek Watershed Coalition & watershed resident Kendall County
  - Jason Pettit, Executive Director of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District
- A volunteer to facilitate committee discussions was sought.
 

No one volunteered at the meeting. Following the meeting, Jonathan Proulx agreed to help with this so that Stephanie & Patrick can listen to the discussion & take notes.
- Data sharing
 

Several local governments have asked if the data collected for the watershed could be shared, to give them watershed-wide information that will augment their local community data. This would be helpful. In order to share data that was provided to us, we are asking each governmental unit to sign an agreement which basically authorizes The Conservation Foundation & Christopher B. Burke Engineering West, Ltd. to share data and holds harmless all parties should there be a question about the data. All representatives for governmental entities should have a copy of that agreement. Please contact Stephanie or Patrick with questions about this agreement.

### Timeline Review:

- March

- The technical review committee will provide comments on Chapters 1 & 2.
- The full advisory committee should receive Chapters 1 & 2 after revisions are made – by March 31.
- April
  - 319 advisory committee meeting (4/3): each technical reviewer will share their top 2 comments with the full group, we may break into smaller groups to go through the plan & discuss Chapters 1 & 2.
  - 319 advisory committee members will have 1 week after the meeting to submit other comments re: Chapters 1 & 2.
  - The technical review committee will provide comments on Chapters 3 & 4.
  - The full advisory committee should receive Chapters 3 & 4 after revisions are made – by April 28+/-.
- May
  - 319 advisory committee meeting (5/1): each technical reviewer will share their top 2 comments with the full group, we may break into smaller groups to go through the plan & discuss Chapters 3 & 4. The advisory committee may also work to prioritize action plan recommendations.
  - 319 advisory committee members will have 1 week after the meeting to submit other comments re: Chapters 3 & 4.
  - The technical review committee will provide comments on Chapters 5, 6 & 7.
  - The full advisory committee should receive Chapters 5, 6 & 7 after revisions are made – by June 2+/-.
- June
  - 319 advisory committee meeting (6/5): each technical reviewer will share their top 2 comments with the full group, we may break into smaller groups to go through the plan & discuss Chapters 5, 6 & 7.
  - 319 advisory committee members will have 1 week after the meeting to submit other comments re: Chapters 5, 6 & 7.
- July
  - Final committee meeting to discuss entire draft plan & wrap up.
  - July 10, 2008? (Need to secure a meeting location yet.)

Thanks all & see you in April,  
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Other announcements:

### **Rising Tide: Best Management Practices for Stormwater Management**

On Wednesday, March 19, 2008 Chaddick Institute will host a discussion-oriented workshop with a panel of experts who will discuss both the innovations they've employed and the best-practices that can bring success to your community. The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. - noon at DePaul University, 243 S. Wabash; Suite 9000. The fee is \$45, which includes continental breakfast. Panelists include Jeff Cook, AICP from the Village of Frankfort, Patricia Werner, AICP, CFM from the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, and Joy Corona, PE, CFM of Bleck Engineering Co. To register call Joe Kearney at (312) 362.5731 or email [jkearne2@depaul.edu](mailto:jkearne2@depaul.edu). For a conference brochure [click here](#) or go to: [www.depaul.edu/~chaddick](http://www.depaul.edu/~chaddick)

### **Stormwater Best Management Practices Training**

On Wednesday, April 9, 2008, the Delta Institute will host a training to review the rationale behind integrated stormwater management technologies and low-impact development, provide case studies of stormwater plan design and implementation, and will offer a hands-on site planning activity for participants. Stormwater management technologies to be covered include wetlands, vegetated roofs, rain water cisterns,

permeable paving, native landscaping, filter strips, rain gardens (bioinfiltration), drainage swales, and naturalized detention basins. The training is designed for a mixed group, but it has a heavy focus on engineering. Developers, planners, and local policy makers will also find it educational.

The training provides 0.8 CEUs or 8 contact hours from the University of Illinois, Chicago Great Lakes Center to attendees. Breakfast and lunch are included in the training cost of \$150. Contact Stephanie if you would like a copy of the flyer & more details.

### **Linking Watersheds Conference**

On **Tuesday, April 22, 2008**, a full-day, interactive conference will focus on issues relevant to the watersheds in northeastern Illinois, northwestern Indiana, and southeastern Wisconsin. Building on the collaborative network of Chicago Wilderness and the ecosystem partnerships, this program will bring together managers, scientists, educators and others to share information, discuss challenges, and promote models to advance cooperative and collaborative watershed projects in our region. Sponsors include Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., and Cowhey Gudmundson Leder, Ltd. The location is **Northern Illinois University's Hoffman Estates campus**. See <http://foxriverecosystem.org/conference.htm> for details, or contact Becky Hoag at 630-482-9157 or [foxriverinfo@comcast.net](mailto:foxriverinfo@comcast.net).