

**Watershed Based Plan Development for Aux Sable Creek**  
 Agreement Number: 3190613  
**April 15, 2008 – July 15, 2008**

Scope of Work Agreement - Description	Contract Completion Date	Status
<b>AUX SABLE WATERSHED BASED PLAN</b>		
1. Complete Draft Watershed Based Plan	June 15, 2008	Drafts of Chapters 1-5 have been submitted for preliminary comments. The entire draft plan will be completed by September 19, 2008. Project planning continues twelve advisory committee meetings have been held.
Submit Draft Watershed Based Plan	August 30, 2008	Not yet due. Drafts of Chapters 1-5 have been submitted for preliminary comments. The entire draft plan will be completed and submitted by September 19, 2008.
Submit Final Watershed Based Plan	October 15, 2008	Not yet due. The final draft may be submitted after this date, given the need to hold a public information meeting once the draft plan is complete in September.
<b>INFORMATION AND OUTREACH</b>		
2. Draft Information and Outreach Strategy	October 1, 2007	Completed.
Final Information and Outreach Strategy	December 1, 2007	Completed April 4, 2008.
Complete Implementation of Approved Information and Outreach Strategy	June 30, 2009	Not yet due. Some activities are occurring. See below for more information.
<b>PROJECT EVALUATION AND REPORT</b>		
4. Project Draft Report Submitted	May 1, 2009	Not yet due.
Project Final Report Submitted	June 30, 2009	Not yet due.

## **Additional Comments on Description**

### **1. Complete Draft Watershed Based Plan**

The watershed advisory committee has had twelve meetings. The committee has focused on the following topics during the April 16 – July 15, 2008 timeframe:

- May advisory committee meeting:
  - Split into small groups to discuss comments on Chapter 3. (Facilitated by several technical review members.)
  - Talked in large group format about top comments from the small group and other thoughts. (Facilitated by Jonathan Proulx.)
  - Opened to general discussion from committee and any other meeting attendees.
  - A list of the summarized group comments on Chapters 1 – 5 is attached to this report.
  - Requested the committee forward any additional comments on Chapter 3 by May 8, 2008.
- June advisory committee meeting:
  - Split into small groups to discuss comments on Chapters 4 & 5. (Facilitated by several technical review members.)
  - Talked in large group format about top comments from the small group and other thoughts. (Facilitated by Jonathan Proulx.)
  - Opened to general discussion from committee and any other meeting attendees.
  - Requested the committee forward any additional comments on Chapters 4 & 5 by June 12, 2008.
- July advisory committee meeting:
  - Split into small groups to discuss comments on Chapters 6, 7 & 8. (Facilitated by several technical review members.)
  - Talked in large group format about top comments from the small group and other thoughts. (Facilitated by Jonathan Proulx.)
  - Opened to general discussion from committee and any other meeting attendees.
  - Requested the committee forward any additional comments on Chapters 6, 7 & 8 by July 17, 2008.

A second part of the watershed plan included a watershed-wide open space plan, recognizing the importance of green infrastructure in restoring and protecting water quality. The Kendall portion of the watershed was mapped in 2005-2006 through an initiative called Protect Kendall Now! The Grundy and Will portions have not been mapped in a coordinated watershed context. The Will County portion appears to be under development or already built-out. Therefore, the effort focused on the Grundy County portion. A subcommittee of the full committee, comprised of the Grundy County representatives, worked to complete this. It was completed in February 2008, following a public information meeting soliciting community input on the draft plan. Attached to the April 15<sup>th</sup> report was a listing of the publicity and outreach efforts completed in drafting this open space plan. Despite initial indications, we have been unable to access mailing information from Grundy County in order to complete the final outreach effort for the plan. We need to obtain mailing information in order to send a letter to Grundy landowners in the watershed that own areas identified as potential open space opportunities. On 6/16/08 we submitted our request, again, to Grundy County and are hopeful that information will be provided in the near future. Attached are copies of all our written requests for this information, we have also spoken with Grundy

County staff on a several occasions. However, we have yet to obtain this information or other direction on how to obtain it. The final watershed plan will include a watershed-wide open space plan, compiled by combining the already-existing Kendall and the recently-compiled Grundy open space data into one source of information for the watershed. It will be an appendix to the watershed plan.

**2. Draft Information and Outreach Strategy**

In this quarter the Aux Sable Creek Watershed website [www.auxsablecreekwatershed.org](http://www.auxsablecreekwatershed.org) has been updated to include:

- All items handed out at committee meetings.
- Correspondence with the advisory committee.

Other activities aimed at continuing education and outreach on this project, outside of committee meetings and events coordinated/subscribed to by The Conservation Foundation, that consider water quality issues and have been passed on to the committee include:

- A US EPA seminar on Assessing the Effectiveness of Your Municipal Stormwater Program held on 6/4/08.

A final information and outreach strategy was submitted April 4, 2008. Activities are categorized into several main areas: Publicity, Conferences, Landowner Contact, and Resources. It includes activities occurring now and others we anticipate upon completion of the watershed plan. Time and funding are reserved for additional ideas that are not included in the current strategy, but may be part of the watershed plan. All planned activities, except those in the landowner contact category, are intended to be open to all interested persons. Below is the list of strategy activities, along with a status update.

Tool	Status
<b>Publicity</b>	
· newsletters	On-going. This quarter included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Conservation Foundation’s Summer 2008 newsletter describing conservation design seminar in September 2008.</li> </ul> The Kendall SWCD will be including a project update in their Summer 2008 newsletter, to be published within the next month. Contact was made with several local units of government regarding a summer article in their newsletters to announce a draft plan will be available by July-August 2008. This will be now be revised to fall newsletters, given the delayed status of the plan update.
· local paper	On-going. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Started a weekly series in Kendall County Record (predominant watershed newspaper) called “Do You Know The Aux Sable Creek Watershed.” Topics this quarter have included:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Four watersheds in Kendall, Aux Sable is largest</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stormwater runoff and pollution created by growing population</li> <li>○ Conservation and development can work in tandem</li> <li>○ High stream rating and link to green infrastructure</li> <li>○ Development impacts a watershed</li> <li>○ Who's on the advisory committee</li> <li>○ Landowner bill of rights was developed by the committee</li> <li>○ Update to original plan underway, to meet new EPA criteria.</li> <li>○ Impairments in the watershed</li> <li>○ Aux Sable watershed population estimate</li> <li>○ Stormwater BMPs can be implemented with new development to prevent negative impacts</li> <li>○ Agricultural BMPs can be implemented to continue protecting and enhancing the watershed</li> </ul> <p>(A copy of each article is included with this report.)</p>
· website	<p>Updates with project materials/announcements will be on-going. As noted above, some of the updates that occurred this quarter include posting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All items handed out at committee meetings.</li> <li>• Correspondence with the advisory committee.</li> </ul>
· e-mails	<p>On-going. This includes reminders, follow ups and other correspondence with the advisory committee. Correspondence with the advisory committee is also e-mailed to a list of "interested persons" that have requested information and given the project manager their e-mail address.</p>
· local government/organization meetings	<p>On-going. During this quarter, the following meetings were attended to give updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kendall County Forest Preserve District &amp; County Board, 5/14/08</li> </ul>
· one-on-one meetings	<p>On-going, as requested.</p>
· public information meeting	<p>Two public information meetings (one in Kendall County and one in Grundy County) are anticipated when the draft watershed plan is complete. This may occur in Summer-Fall 2008.</p>
<b>Conferences</b>	
· Kendall Growth Conference	<p>Completed October 2007.</p>
· Grundy County Growth Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2007 Conference was completed in November 2007. The topic was: "Mechanisms for Land Protection"</li> <li>• The conference sponsor has decided the 2008 topic will be "road networks." Since this is not a topic relating closely to watershed education and outreach, it will not be included as a matching activity.</li> </ul>
· BMP Training Module	<p>Scheduled September 10, 2008. Planning continues. A "Save the Date" postcard was sent to local elected officials, planning commissioners and staff in the watershed. It was also sent to developers, based on information provided by local governments and a partnership with the Northern Illinois Homebuilders Association. (A copy of the postcard is included with this report.)</p>

<b><u>Landowner Contact per Open Space Plan</u></b>			
· Kendall County	Completed. Follow up with interested landowners continues, as we are contacted. (See note below, under one-on-one meetings.)		
· Grundy County	We are working with the Grundy County information technology department to obtain mailing information for landowners in the watershed where open space opportunities were identified through the open space mapping effort. Grundy County has not provided the information to enable landowner contact to occur. We hope this activity can be completed in the next quarter.		
· one-on-one meetings	On-going, as requested. During this quarter there was one meeting with a landowner in the watershed (Plainfield area) regarding land preservation options.		
<b><u>Resources</u></b>			
· website	The website continues to be updated with project information. Once the watershed plan is complete, it will be expanded based on information from the watershed plan. This is anticipated to occur Fall 2008 through June 2009.		
· watershed open space plan	Draft complete for Grundy portion. A public information meeting was held in January 2008. The Kendall portion was completed in 2006 and is not being re-mapped with this grant project. Our last report included a list of the publicity and outreach efforts completed during the Grundy County planning effort:		
· trainings	Training opportunities provided during this quarter included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A US EPA seminar on Assessing the Effectiveness of Your Municipal Stormwater Program held on 6/4/08.</li> </ul>		
- L-THIA	TBD		
- CPESC	A class to obtain certified professional status in erosion and sediment control is planned for November 18 & 19. Consulting engineers and local units of government public works departments will receive information about the training during the next quarter. A brochure will be completed in the next quarter.		
- education on land preservation tools	On-going. No activities in this quarter.		
· meetings			
- Aux Sable Creek Watershed Coalition	On-going. Meeting topics during this quarter: <table border="1" data-bbox="758 1214 1854 1276"> <tr> <td>May 22, 2008</td> <td>Information on recent establishment of the Illinois Headwaters RC&amp;D and the collaboration it can facilitate.</td> </tr> </table>	May 22, 2008	Information on recent establishment of the Illinois Headwaters RC&D and the collaboration it can facilitate.
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- C@H	On-going. During this quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C@H certification in Plainfield (follow up to presentation in February 2008).</li> </ul>		
· The Conservation Foundation as a resource	On-going, as contacted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with Plainfield trustee and landowner in watershed regarding land preservation</li> </ul>		

	options (green infrastructure protection). (March 2008) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation to Plainfield Village Board regarding open space planning and financing methods (green infrastructure protection). (April 2008)</li><li>• Provide comments on United City of Yorkville's draft 2008 Comprehensive Plan.</li></ul>
<b>Other</b>	
· Watershed outreach pamphlet	TBD