

May 21, 2007

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Dear «Greeting» «L_Name»:

In early 2007, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) awarded a Section 319 grant to The Conservation Foundation to work with the Aux Sable Watershed Coalition to update the Aux Sable Watershed Plan. In 1997 a planning committee comprised of local citizens and community leaders formed and completed the Watershed's first plan. The original plan provides valuable information, which this update will draw on to create a more detailed plan that will describe actions that can be taken to assure the protection of the creek and its natural resources. Furthermore, this updated plan will qualify municipalities and public agencies for Section 319 IEPA funds to assist in implementing those actions.

We invite you, or a designated representative(s), to participate on the Steering Committee for this watershed plan update. The Steering Committee will provide important feedback and guidance to the project consultant, Christopher B. Burke Engineering West, Ltd. We anticipate the Steering Committee will meet at most monthly for up to one year. This committee, comprised of local stakeholders, will ensure appropriate information is collected and analyzed as well as provide input on draft documents. It is our hope that when the update is completed, all stakeholders support it and its implementation.

The first meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, July 17 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. It will be held at Plainfield South High School (7800 Caton Farm Road). We hope to see you or your designated representative on the 17th. Please contact me with any questions or if you are interested but cannot attend the first meeting (to make sure we keep you informed of future meetings).

Cordially,

Stephanie Houk Sheetz, AICP
Land Use/Open Space Planning Manager