



**Upper White River Watershed Alliance (UWRWA)
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

September 29th, 2009
Veolia Conference Room
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

MEETING RECORD

- A. Nanci Good welcomed everyone to the meeting and initiated round-the-room introductions. Attendees included: Lenore Tedesco, Nanci Goode, Mike Murphy, Nanci Good, Gwen White, John Hazlett, Jim Schneider, Jeremy Webber, Glenn Pratt, Kent Wamsley, Bonnie Elifritz, Janice Bullman, Jhani Laupus, Sheila McKinley, Bob Masbaum, Mike Hendricks, Brian Brown, Lori Kaplan, Crist Blassaras, Lou Ann Baker, Jill Hoffmann and Kelly Levensgood.
- B. June meeting record was recapped by Hoffmann.
- C. Grants Update
- Riverwatch Project - Hoffman presented the efforts on the Riverwatch project which include:
 - a. create a database extension/upgrade that allows all current and historic Hoosier Riverwatch sampling sites to be quickly mapped
 - b. create web-based graphing module to assist volunteers in easily mapping and graphing their data
 - c. conduct five statewide workshops to assist in technical interpretation of local data and increase participants' understanding of chemical, physical, and biological interrelationships
 - LARE Regional Planning and Assessment Project – Tedesco and Hoffman presented the efforts on the LARE Regional Planning Project which included:
 - a. synthesize historic water quality data, utilize WQ data to identify where “hot spots” or impairments overlap with various “risk factors”
 - b. identify where watershed planning tools or enforcement mechanisms overlap “hotspots” or vulnerable “at-risk” areas
 - c. develop strategies at the 10-digit scale to help address water quality concerns
 - Hoffman and Tedesco reviewed several in-progress maps: Existing sampling locations, IDEM sampling stations, significant water users, NPDES dischargers, Construction in a Floodway permits by subwatershe, and local watershed planning efforts.
 - They discussed the process and value of collecting regional wide-spread data to synthesize water quality trends, and land use change. Brown suggested that that a map of TMDL's should be included.
- D. Kent Wamsley of the Nature Conservancy was a guest speaker for the technical program. Wamsley presented on the Wabash and White Rivers, why they are important along with a brief glimpse into strategies that are abating threats to the system. Kent noted that five of the 40 ecologically richest sections of streams nationally are located in the Wabash basin.

E. Education Committee Planning Meeting Update- Hoffmann discussed the results of the Ed Planning Meeting held on September 28, 2009. During this meeting the MS4 Survey results were discussed and notable findings of the survey were presented to participating MS4s. Multiple graphs and diagrams summarizing the results were shown and discussed. Hoffmann interpreted the slides and shared with the group the Planning Committees brainstorming strategies on how to best utilize the information.

F. River Clean-up Update- Hoffman reported Hamilton County numbers as an example of the volume of debris that continues to be removed every year by the clean up. Highlights included:

- Recycled steel – 3.59 tons
- Trash – 12 tons
- Recycled tires - 256

Total number from all participating groups across the six counties will be available soon.

G. Tech Committee Update – Kelly Levensgood (15 min)

- Website Updates - Levensgood reviewed new additions and slight changes to the webpage. Currently 30+ pages are active on the website along with additions of Wild Apricot membership and draft event registration, calendar, meeting minutes, glossary (although not finalized), and additional pages of Key Partners and Community Volunteers.
- Upcoming Interactive Tools - Levensgood noted that there are two interactive web-based tools. Part 1 is an Onsite Development Planning tool currently on-hold until more funding allows for programming anticipated in 2010. Part 2 is a BMP Selection tool. Educational components include individual BMP fact sheets and maintenance plans. Part 2 is in the web-programming stage and will launch by year's end.
- Next Tech Committee meeting is October 8th, 2-4 pm., Lawrence – Levensgood reported during this meeting they will revisit and update the Technical Committee Work Plan. Several people shared interest in attending the meeting, but it conflicted with other scheduled meetings. Tech committee will see if an alternative time can be established to accommodate interested members.

H. Watershed Projects & Event Updates – Coordinators (20 min)

- Cicero Creek/Morse – Murphy reported that they are on schedule and will be conducting windshield surveys shortly. A second public mtg is planned in Tipton on Oct 8th.
- Fall Creek/Geist – Tedesco reported that they are on schedule and will also be conducting windshield surveys shortly. Current focus is on data analysis from multiple sources.
- Lower Fall Creek/ Marion Co. – McKinley noted that Marion Co submitted another 319 grant seeking implementation funding in 2010.
- Eagle Creek – Tedesco reported they are in process of closing out several cost sharing projects. The horse farm project permits are approved and construction underway. Educational signage is also being finished up at Eagle Creek Park's Earth Discovery Center. The Eagle Creek Project received additional grants to continue cost-share and education work late this fall.
- Williams Creek, Hamilton Co. – McKinley reported that the Draft Stormwater Masterplan is currently under QA/QC. It is not intended for 319 compatibility; rather, it's an internal plan for Hamilton County and Carmel. The study boundary ends at the county line due to funding constraints.
- Madison Co. Projects – Blassaras reported that during the River Clean Up they had record turnout 250 plus. Due to high numbers they had to turn away volunteers,

therefore consideration for splitting the event into two days is being considered. He noted that Walmart had come on as a big sponsor/partner. The White River Watchers is also now a voting member of the Madison Co stormwater quality partnership.

I. **Next Meeting Date and Other Announcements–**

- **Next meeting December 15th, 2:00-4:00 pm, at Veolia**
- Healthy Water Healthy People Workshop – Oct 15, 2009, Fishers
- Stormwater Workshop – February 10 & 11, 2010, Indianapolis
- Other announcements included the Sullivan County raft trip with 8th graders, looking for volunteers and Indianapolis's upcoming Make a Splash event.
- Tedesco also noted that she would be testifying in front of the EQSC on Oct. 26th regarding algal blooms, toxins, and phosphorus.

J. Adjourn 4 pm.