



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

March 4th, 2010
Veolia Conference Room
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

RECORD

- A. Nancy Good welcomed everyone to the meeting and initiated round-the-room introductions. Attendees included representatives from: CBBEL, Hamilton Co., IASWCD, CILTI, City of Indianapolis, Marion Co. Health Dept., EMH&T, Lilly, IUPUI, and Empower Results.
- B. Jill Hoffmann reviewed Meeting Records for the December 15th, 2009. No corrections noted.
- C. Kelly Levensgood and Hoffmann provided grants updates. Highlights from the Riverwatch Project included:
- Database Extension/Upgrade
- Information for 810 Hoosier Riverwatch monitoring locations has been converted to a consistent format, with consistent lat-long information.
 - These sites have been integrated and tested on an interactive map.
 - Currently working with project staff to determine the best way to hold new monitoring site location information.
- Web-based Graphing Module
- Met with Hoosier Riverwatch staff to discuss sampling variables.
 - Developed a simple interface for easy to-use data entry screens
 - Prepared an administration login area for Hoosier Riverwatch employees
 - Performed user trials of new database features. This new interface was introduced at the Hoosier Riverwatch Instructor retreat to solicit feedback regarding protocols and design based on their experience with volunteers.
 - Continuing to work with the EPA to construct an appropriate USEPA Water Quality Exchange (WQX - formerly STORET) compliant dataflow.
- LARE Regional Planning and Assessment Project
- Watershed wide assessment of 17 10-digit sub-watersheds
 - Reviewed graphical analysis of zoning and future landuse for Stoney Creek, Killbuck Creek, and Crooked Creek.
- D. Cliff Chapman was a guest speaker that presented on the *The Central Indiana Land Trust – Greening the Crossroads. A unique multicounty ecological evaluation is helping to identify conservation planning priority in Central Indiana.* One of the most important outcomes of the projects is a series of county maps and GIS layers that helps identify import lands needed to make key conservation connection on the landscape. The multi-stakeholder leadership forums that took place throughout the project are leading to good partnerships for the Land Trust. A few questions and comments included the following:
- The information is not going to be distributed to widely this year. CILTI is planning a slower, more thoughtful roll out so as to avoid the misperception that the areas identified are going to immediately purchased or 'tagged' for restrictions, etc.
 - Regulated drains are not currently in the network for easements, etc., rather the Land Trust is hopeful to work with county surveyors on the implementation of two-stage ditches.

- It may be appropriate to set up a presentation with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Development Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals to make them aware of the initiative.

E. Levensgood provided an update on the MS4 Regional Public Education and Involvement Program. Highlights included:

- A very brief review of the public survey results and the resultant target messages and action items
- The program's main theme will be the interconnectedness of water cycle and human influences
- The 2010 outreach plan will request and action item of all homeowners – the use of no-phosphorus fertilizer
- The message and action request will be delivered via a 30 sec mass media TV spot that would focus on a 'reverse video' of sorts that will help people realize the connection between their tap and their lawn/home via the water cycle.

F. Hoffman and Levensgood provides a Technical Committee update

- Hoffmann reviewed the completed BMP Selection Tool. She showed a few screen captures and noted that the tool was now live on the website.
- Levensgood showed the group other new web resources including the construction site inspection form, sample enforcement letters, and the launches and liveries webpage/maps.

G. Watershed Projects & Event Updates

Cicero Creek/Morse

- Plan is in draft form, awaiting edits from the consultant

Fall Creek/Geist

- Plan is draft form, awaiting edits from the consultant

Lower Fall Creek/ Marion Co.

- Plan is complete. The focus is on tributaries of Indiana Lake. A follow-up grant has been submitted to IDEM for consideration.

Eagle Creek

- The new 319 implementation grant began in December
- Monthly monitory is in progress
- The website is being redesigned to convey information more easily
- The QAPP is being finalized
- Currently the group is looking for good BMP implementation sites. They are also working with IDEM to finalize a definition of critical areas that would then define the limits of the cost-share program.
- Brian Neilson commented that pending Indianapolis's decision, permeable pavement could be approved as a BMP treatment within the City.

Williams Creek, Hamilton Co.

- A draft document is in progress
- Shelia McKinley noted that she hopes to integrate some of the Land Trust information presented at this meeting.
- The plan primarily focuses on flooding and water quality is really only a subset of the project's recommendations. The project focused on both quality and quantity, but more so on quantity.

Madison Co. Projects – no report this quarter. Hope to have the local coordinator present at the June meeting.

Delaware Co. Projects – no report this quarter. Hope to have the local coordinator present at the June meeting.

- H. Next meeting date was not announced. Currently, UWRWA leadership is looking into the possibility of combining the next meeting with a one or two day conference on algae and nutrients, tentatively scheduled for June 2010, in Indianapolis. A general meeting might be held afterwards and/or the conference event may be used as a potential membership drive event for the Alliance.
- I. Adjourned at 4:00.