

Beargrass Creek Alliance
Minutes for Regular Meeting held on September 16, 2019

The Beargrass Creek Alliance held its monthly meeting at the Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center. The meeting started at 7 :00 p.m.

Attending were:

Ed Allgeier

Linda Gugin

Suzanne Hoehne

Travis Murphy

Andrew Reed, U.S. Corps of Engineers

David Rummler

Jim St. Clair, Secretary

Ward Wilson, Executive Director, Kentucky Waterway Alliance

Discussions

The meeting was held shortly after the Army Corps of Engineers and MSD announced a \$3 million project to study how to restore the entire Beargrass Creek ecosystem. Andrew Reed, representing the Corps, stressed the importance of having public engagement in the project and especially welcomes BCA's input in helping determine what should be done. Reed said the project should result in ecological restoration, improved habitat, construction of wetlands, restoration of banks, and general improvement to water quality as well as providing some room for recreation. He added that the Corps was grateful that MSD stepped up to share the costs.

Other topics

David said he would be speaking at Bellarmine University in early October about BCA's Every Drop program and rain barrels. He and Ed also were to meet with the Jefferson County extension agent about the use of rain barrels and how BCA and the county can work together. In an announcement that followed the meeting, Jessica Eggleston, a University of Louisville graduate student, will intern with KWA to work on the Every Drop program. A clean-up of some stretch of Beargrass Creek is planned for late October or early November. Two tree-planting projects, one at Mile Wide Beer Co., 636 Barrett Ave. in Louisville, and a \$1,000 tree-planting project by Trout Unlimited are still possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.