

Harrods Creek Watershed Team Meeting – April 23, 2014

Attendees: Brooke Shireman, Emily Hogue, Ward Wilson, Austin Musselman, David Wicks, Mary Lowry, Debbie Bergman, Carolyn Cromer, Savanah Lawson, Garry Collier, Marc Crutcher, Louise Allen, Sylvia Bednarski, Brigette Williams, Rosalind Streeter, and Tessa Edelen.

1. Introductions and Recap

Everyone introduced themselves. Tessa gave a brief overview of the last meeting (see minutes from the March 25, 2014 meeting at www.HarrodsCreek.org).

2. Chapters Review

A rough draft of Chapter 1 was handed out and briefly reviewed by the watershed team members present. This chapter, along with all subsequent chapters, will be available on the website. The watershed plan can be revised during the process – send feedback to Tessa.

The group discussed Chapter 2 of the watershed plan. It will be an inventory of the existing information about the watershed that pertains to watershed planning. This type of information will include: geology, hydrology, land use, existing data, and more.

Brooke Shireman from the KY Division of Water gave an overview of Hydrologic Unit Codes (HUC), a device that is used to identify specific watersheds that will be used in Chapter 2. Understanding the nomenclature of watershed planning will be important throughout the process of writing the plan.

The watershed plan will follow the *Watershed Planning Guidebook for Kentucky Communities*. It is available on the KWA website here: <http://kwalliance.org/what-we-do/watershed-planning/watershed-guidebook/>.

3. How should our group work?

Everyone was divided up into three groups to discuss the following topics, in detail:

- Chapters
- Events
- Materials

Each group was asked to discuss what the goals of the each of these things, how the group would go about completing these goals, and how the group should communicate.

Chapters: the group that discussed the chapter work came up with the idea of dividing the *Watershed Planning Guidebook* into sections, assigning these sections to groups of watershed team members, and then having those groups present what each of the chapters is about at a future meeting. This will give everyone more insight into what the watershed plan will cover. They also discussed the possibility of having the different groups write parts of the watershed plan. Additionally, they decided that email and Facebook are the best methods of communication for team members.

Events: the group that discussed events decided that one role of a watershed team is to educate the team and community about watershed issues and the work of the watershed team. Possible events include: Farm tours, field days, biology days, and BMP demos. Methods for reaching out include direct mail, having a presence at all county events, creating an annual report and/or event, and utilizing Channel 25. Other initiatives could include education on tree planting and riparian buffers, attracting new people through social media.

Materials: the group that discussed materials articulated the goal of making a certain percentage of people in the watershed aware of the project and its goals (but what percent and how to verify?). Communication ideas included signs in high use areas, social media, linking with existing groups, and church bulletins. For internal communication, email was deemed sufficient. This group also discussed how the group as a whole would make decisions: voting members = if you have come to two out of the last five meetings, you are a voting member. Also, voting can be done via email (you don't have to be present to vote as long as you are eligible to vote).

4. Announcements and Next Steps

After some discussion, it was decided that the proposed paddle would be just for Harrods Creek Watershed Team members, not a public event. Several members hope that a public, interpretive paddle can take place in the future. This paddle will launch from the home of David Wicks and most likely include a potluck picnic. The date for the recreational paddle would be put to a Doodle Poll. Please take the poll soon if you are planning on attending the paddle: <https://doodle.com/98ceknkdd4zdy7i5>

All Harrods Creek stakeholders are invited to the meeting and to all subsequent project activities. If you're interested in getting involved, contact Tessa Edelen at tessa@kwalliance.org or (502) 589-8008. Visit the project webpage: www.HarrodsCreek.org