

Beargrass Creek Alliance
Minutes for Regular Meeting held on October 21, 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:

Linda Gugin

David Rummmler

Ann Siebert

Dan Siebert, President

Jim St. Clair, Secretary

Ward Wilson, Executive Director, Kentucky Waterway Alliance

Discussions

Ward and Dan attended a scoping meeting of the Army Corps of Engineer on October 10 that discussed goals and outcomes of the previously announced \$3 million project aimed at restoring the entire Beargrass Creek ecosystem. Another scoping meeting was scheduled for November 14. The meeting was held shortly after the Army Corps of Engineers and MSD announced a a \$3 million project to study how to restore the entire Beargrass Creek ecosystem, including improving habitat, constructing wetlands, restoring banks, and generally improving water quality. Ward noted that Beargrass Creek is the only creek to get this much money and the focus in on the south fork.

The Louisville Sustainability Council will host its Sustainability Summit on Friday, Nov. 1 at the Louisville Zoo. Mayor Fischer will discuss the city's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the keynote address by Dr. Robert Brinkmann, dean of graduate studies at Hofstra University, will talk about ways to advance the organization's sustainability agenda. Linda and Jim volunteered to man a table for BCA and will distribute literature and discuss BCA activities.

Ward said that around 100 eighth-grade science students from Ramsey Middle School participated in a clean-up of Beargrass Creek at Brown Park in St. Matthews.

Other topics

Gresham Smith, the Louisville architectural firm selected by the Congress for the New Urbanism to spearhead a local pro bono design initiative, reported that residents and local authorities have begun taking steps to improve Beargrass Creek. For example, Metro Louisville is working to improve one of the identified problem intersections, a large planned development has incorporated creek access into its design, and a local landowner expressed interest in de-paving a large impervious area.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.