

## **Dry Creek Watershed Planning Team Meeting Notes**

### **5:00-7:00pm March 13, 2008**

Present at the meeting: Doug Doerrfeld, Geoff Gearer, April Haight, Lajuanda Haight-Maybriar, Katie Holmes, Christi McMichael, Steve Reid, Jon Walker, Bob Wells, Sam Williams, and Billy Winkleman

#### **1. Pass out and go over *Draft Watershed Planning Guidebook for Kentucky Communities***

- Katie briefly went over the guidebook. The PowerPoint that she used is posted on KWA's new website at <http://www.kwalliance.org/Portals/3/pdf/intro.to.guidebook.powerpoint.pdf>
- Katie has a copy of the Guidebook for each planning team member, and will bring them to the next meeting for people who did not receive one today. If people would like to look over the Guidebook, it is online at <http://www.kwalliance.org/WatershedGroupResources/ResourcesProgramsforLocalGroups/tabid/254/Default.aspx>
- Christi asked about how the team will give feedback. Katie explained there will be a form for feedback on each chapter given to the team at each meeting. But if there is something that a team member thinks of in between meetings, they should feel free to send Katie that feedback as well.

#### **2. Review new work plan**

- April introduced the work plan – it is a changing document, but gives us a good idea of where to be in the process by a certain date. She asked for any changes to the plan. No comments.
- The draft of chapter 1 will be emailed to the group by April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the latest.

#### **3. Review Roundtable Results and Draft Roundtable Report**

- This document is a summary of the two watershed roundtables for Dry Creek. This will go as an appendix to the plan to show what outreach has been done. It will be submitted to KDOW, after finalized at the next meeting, to show them where we are in the planning process.
- The group looked over the Roundtable Report.
- Under "how do you use the creek?" – "cleaning out trash" needs some clarification – it was someone saying that they go along the banks and pick up trash.
- Under problems, number 17 is a repeat "flooding" and can be deleted.
- Please send April any comments/changes for the Roundtable Report by March 27.
- The results of the questionnaires should go in a table instead. Katie will make this change.

#### **4. Collect feedback on Roundtable Process from Watershed Planning Team**

- April asked the group if they had any feedback on the Roundtable.
- There were several suggestions made about how to get more responses to both the pre- and post- roundtable questionnaires:
  - We should have collected the pre-assessment questionnaires before starting to make sure that we had them.
  - Christi suggested that we have people sit down, and then say at the beginning – we are going to fill out a questionnaire, and then do it at the end as well.
  - Sam suggested having 5-10 questions with quantifiable answers, and ask them in person to people as they come in.
- There were several suggestions about getting more participation for the next roundtable:
  - Christi suggested that before the next Roundtable we could do a survey as well as a mass mailing to publicize.
  - Christi also suggested that we speak individually with key individuals in the watershed, and they could tell friends and neighbors to come out there (ministers, teachers, business owners, etc).

- Sam asked about going to the high school and doing a presentation. April said that we could look into that – they have a yearly stream program at the middle school.
- Sam said that there is a science club at the high school and sometimes they want to volunteer. People thought that Tammy Collins, Melissa Jenkins, or Shannon Murph might be sponsors.
- Katie said that as silly as it sounds, free dinner might be key. Sam said that the geology club is always looking for things to donate to. Christi said that the geography club is too.
- Bob said that a fish fry will bring people out of the woodwork.
- Geoff suggested talking to the chamber of commerce.
- April said that the Morehead Lakeview County Planning has just made a draft plan of ordinances for the whole county – working with this committee would be effective.
- Lajuanda will be giving a smart growth presentation at KFTC meeting next week.
- The idea to work closely with city council and fiscal court was brought up.
- Geoff thinks that it is important to talk to other groups in the community, especially for the Triplett Creek project.
- April went to the last city council meeting. April will go to the next Fiscal Court meeting, and the next New Cities Meeting.
- Sam thinks that the Chamber of Commerce would be good because they could offer funding for the BMPs. Lajuanda added that if the businesses get involved with Kentucky Excel then they can get credit and recognition to go beyond the environmental requirements. That might encourage businesses to get involved with the project.
- April said there is a new service learning push for schools with the “green and healthy schools” program – we may be able to get into that after the school part is finished.
- Geoff did a project in the past with the Bath County schools – if nothing else there was a discussion about the issues, and awareness.
- Lajuanda said that it will be easier to target in the schools with the larger Triplett Creek project.
- Geoff said that in hindsight, it would have been good to go in to the Clearfield Elementary and talk to some of the science classes. April said we could still try that.
- Bob suggested putting a mini-billboard on Dry Creek Road and put dates for meetings on there. Billy said that there is a MUPB fence there, and we could put a sign on there.
- April will contact the Chamber about doing an environmental luncheon.
- Lajuanda said that she went ahead and recommended Rowan County for the growth readiness program. She recommended Fleming County as well. Bob thinks that the county might be interested. (They like to group counties together – the first one had great attendance.) Bob asked Lajuanda for some info on the program – she will email him information.
- The comment was made that the participants in the roundtable were not as vocal in a group as they were one-on-one.
- Jon commented that we started with an info session, and then had people go to the booths – maybe we should switch it. Then people can get their questions asked one on one.
- Christi thought that technique might help, and added that if she goes to lecture someone it is easier to present once she has talked to people – more connection then.
- Sam asked about doing a survey to the whole area.
- There is some permit MSU would have to have to do a survey, but if it was a student project, then they wouldn't have to have the permit.
- Sam thinks that a survey could be helpful in spreading the knowledge of the project. He thinks that community input is very important.
- April stressed that people knew about the meeting – they just didn't come.
- April could talk to professors to see if there is anyone who would be interested in looking at people's attitudes towards water quality through a survey, possibly an Environmental Ethics course.
- The next roundtable may be more controversial, so it may bring people out.

5. Go over Chapter 1 of the Guidebook, especially group collaboration

- Katie went over a little background on Kentucky's Watershed Management Initiative. April went over the section on group collaboration. The PowerPoint they used is available at the Dry Creek Watershed Planning Team webpage on the KWA site:  
<http://www.kwalliance.org/WatershedGroupResources/WatershedbasedPlanningProjects/TriplettCreekDryCreekWatershed/tabid/279/Default.aspx>
- The group decided to have ground rules that are to "be guided by the spirit of Roberts Rules of Order." (A motion and a second, etc.)
- After much discussion, the group decided to make decisions by supermajority, requiring an 80% majority. It was decided that there would need to be a quorum for the group to be able to make a decision. There will need to be a representative (or their proxy) from at least 6 of the following 9 entities to make a decision:
  - Rowan County
  - US Forest Service
  - Licking River Basin Coordinator
  - Rowan County Extension Service
  - Morehead Utility Plant Board
  - City of Morehead
  - Morehead State University
  - Citizens at large
  - Citizens who live in Dry Creek
- Though the quorum requires 6 of 9 entities to be represented, each individual member will have a vote (even if there is more than one member from each entity present). To qualify as a member, a person must have attended at least two prior meetings.
- Discussion will be had before decisions are made.

**6. Work on goals and scope of project for watershed plan for Chapter 1 of watershed plan**

- The group did not have time to address this item. It was decided that April and Katie will look over the goals and issues from the roundtable and email the group a list of goals that they can rank and add to. From that input, the goals section of Chapter 1 will be drafted, to be sent out at least a week before the next meeting.
- Geoff mentioned that the overarching goal of the plan is to get the stream off of the impaired list. Other goals would be ways to get the stream off of the list.

7. Present outline for watershed plan – 10 minutes

- The group did not have time for this item. The draft outline handed out is basically the same as the outline found in Appendix A of the guidebook. The outline may be expanded as information is gained for the plan.

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