

Jelkes-Fox Watershed Action Group - Steering Committee

MINUTES

February 2, 2012

Dundee Township Conference Room

557 Barrington Avenue, East Dundee, IL 60118

2:00 – 4:00 pm

I. <u>Introductions:</u>	Sanford Morganstein, Resident
Kelsey Musich, KDSWCD	Keith Hinz, School District 300
Candice Jacobs, KDSWCD	Jane & Bill Englund, Residents
Maggie Soliz, Pizzo & Associates	Mike Ander, Resident
Nancy Schumm, Spring Creek Watershed	Mark Willobee, Geosyntec
Dennis Dreher, Geosyntec	Michele Zimmerman, Village of Algonquin
Larry Braasch, Dundee Twp Highway	Irene Dittmer, Resident
Sue Harney, Dundee Twp Supervisor	Wayne Schneider, Max McGraw Wildlife
Clark Ganshirt, Max McGraw Wildlife	Christy Sabdo, Kane County

Meeting Handouts Include: Last meeting minutes (11.17.2011), Watershed Wanderings Symposium Info (www.elgingreenexpo.org), FREP Noon Network Announcement (Grant Writing Workshop). To view these handouts, go to www.kanedupageswcd.org

II. Review of previous meetings/events:

- a. The minutes for the last meeting (11.17.2011) are up on our website. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Candice also reminded the group of a couple grant writing workshop opportunities through FREP (<http://foxriverecosystem.org>). They will be assigning their FREP directors to each potential applicant to have as a mentor and to offer help throughout the grant writing process. 319 EPA Grant Applications are due August 1 of each year.

III. Presentations:

- a. Christy Sabdo, Kane County Planning gave an overview presentation of Kane County's 2040 plan. The plan uses EPA, DOT, and HUD's 6 livability principles and Kane County added "conserve natural resources". New and modified land uses have been added to the plan: Urban

Neighborhoods/Mixed Use Infill, Commerce/Employment, and Protected Agriculture/Limited Development. The plan also highlights 2 transportation corridors: IL Route 47 and Randall/Orchard Road BRT. Any questions/comments can be submitted by mail or to 2040Plan@countyofkane.org.

- b. Dennis Dreher of Geosyntec Consultants gave an overview and guidance for filling out the Municipal Ordinance Checklist for the Watershed. Often times, landowners who want to incorporate new green infrastructure practices are forced to get zoning variances due to outdated or unnecessary codes. All ordinances should be looked at for efficiency and applicability for allowing open space and green infrastructure. He pointed out that few ordinances allow or the protection of natural hydrology.
- c. The purpose of the checklist is to review local ordinances for conflicts, develop conclusions, and identify solutions to provide more protection for natural resources. The final Jelkes-Fox Watershed Plan will include recommendations and references for municipalities in order to allow and encourage conservation designs or flood reducing (infiltration) practices into their new development or any redevelopment.

IV. RAPM Watershed Assessment:

- a. Kelsey explained that the field work that was completed by staff and volunteers was sent to NRCS to be analyzed and that the results have been received in draft form. The report will be available once all edits have been made. Kelsey showed the group the final numbers electronically.
- b. Since this assessment is different from the model that Geosyntec is using, Mark Willabee explained the pollutant loading system (STEPL) that they are using for the Watershed.

V. Watershed Action Plan update:

- a. Existing Project Recommendations review: Kelsey announced that staff is compiling all the project recommendations into one map/shapefile/database including columns such as Goal of the Project, locations, target area, and types of BMPs (these will be vague but will give the recommendations of what the landowner would like to see with water quality benefits). Kelsey will send out an electronic copy once it is in its final draft form.
- b. She asked Stakeholders to please look and see if their project recommendations/ideas have been considered. If not, please bring it to the attention of the KDSWCD.

VI. Next Meeting

- a. The next meeting will be held in April with proposed dates of the 2nd, 4th, or 9th. Once the date has been determined, Candice will send an email with date and time.
- b. The location is TBD. Some suggestions were Randall Oaks or Dundee Recreational Center. The exact location will be emailed to the group.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm