

Blackberry Creek Watershed Planning Meeting
Tuesday, November 16, 2010; 2:00 p.m.
Prestbury Subdivision, Sugar Grove

1. Attendance/Introductions:

Hala Ahmed	-CMAP
Erin Tuttle	-The Conservation Foundation
Megan Andrews	-Kendall County SWCD
Kristin Bilar	-Campton Township
Karen Clementi	-Deuchler Environmental, Inc.
Jerry Elliott	-Sugar Grove Township
Bill Gain	-Rempe-Sharpe & Assoc.
Anthony Heddlesten	-U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Al Kent	-Prestbury Citizens' Association
Dan Lobbes	-The Conservation Foundation
Joanne Mahr	-Landowner
Karen Ann Miller	-Kane County Development Department
Krysti Noble	-City of Yorkville
Mary Ochsenschlager	-Kane-DuPage SWCD
John Ortlieb	-U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Don Pfeffer	-Sugar Grove Water Authority
Michele Piotrowski	-Engineering Enterprises, Inc.
Martha Price	-Landowner
Lee Rasmussen	-Landowner
Marge Roe	-Prestbury Citizens' Association
Laura Schraw	-City of Yorkville
Tori Trauscht	-Integrated Lakes Management
Drew Ulberg	-Forest Preserve District of Kane County
Dale Willerth	-Waubensee Community College
Lori Wolf	-The Conservation Foundation
William Wulf	-Landowner

2. **Presentation on Blackberry Creek Dam.** John Ortlieb, of the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) presented on the Blackberry Creek Fishpassage Project. The dam, which is located just under River Road in Yorkville, was built in 1834 to power a sawmill. The Rock Island District of (USACE) has been working with the US Fish & Wildlife Service and the IDNR to determine the best method for modifying the dam for fish passage and stream connectivity. Modifications to the dam are not expected to change upstream creek elevations. Additionally, the study will review sediment management through seeding and vegetation practices. The project is being conducted under Section 519 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 and in conjunction with the IDNR's Illinois River Basin Restoration Plan.

3. **Discussion of Watershed Concerns and Goals.** The Blackberry Creek Stakeholder Committee briefly discussed the draft goals and added comments and suggestions.

4. **Review of Watershed Inventory and the October 25 Stream Walk.** Hala explained the process of creating a comprehensive Watershed Resource Inventory, which aims to present a view of the natural, physical, and biological features of the Blackberry Creek Watershed. With the help of stakeholders, she has been working to gather available records, review any gaps in the data, and seek the necessary avenues to fill in missing information. The Inventory will act as a working reference document as the committee analyzes existing and proposed future activities in the watershed and what effect they may have.

Hala also reported on the Stream Walk, which took place on October 25, 2010. Various stakeholders and landowners agreed to guide her through areas of concern along the watershed.

5. **Review of Watershed Vision.** This process seeks to collect future land use plans from communities in the watershed and “stitch” them together using GIS. This information lends insight into region-wide future land use, as well as provides input for the development of the Hydrologic Simulation Program FORTAN model which will estimate pollutant loadings. Additionally, it fulfills CMAP’s regional criterion #1, which calls for the development of a vision for watershed land use by evaluating the collection of local comprehensive plans and estimating the cumulative impact on future water quality.
6. **Discussion of 1999 Blackberry Creek Watershed Plan.** Hala reviewed the Plan’s 40 Watershed Protection and Enhancement Recommendations, which propose actions related to future planning, remediation and restoration, prevention of potential future problems, and maintenance/ongoing efforts. Stakeholders were asked to share any information they had on the implementation of these Recommendations in their communities.