

Ferson-Otter Creek Stakeholder/Landowner Meeting
Wednesday, October 20th; 2:00 p.m.
St. Charles Village Hall

Attendance

Amy Talbot	-CMAP
Erin Tuttle	-The Conservation Foundation
Kristin Bilar	-Campton Township
James Bernahl	-City of St. Charles
Bill Cox	-Wildrose Subdivision
Doug Dirks	-The Windings of Ferson Creek HOA
Julia Fitzpatrick-Cooper	-Wildrose Subdivision
Rolf Fredrick	-Village of Campton Hills
Sean Glowacz	-Kane County
Jayne Holley	-Lake Campton Property Owners' Association
Karen Hoyne	-Lake Campton Property Owners' Association
June Keibler	-The Conservation Foundation
Rob Linke	-FREP/FRSG/Deer Run Creek Unit II HOA
Dan Lobbles	-The Conservation Foundation
Marc McLaughlin	-South Elgin
Pam Otto	-St. Charles Park District
Vince Pavlicek	-DREPOA HOA
Henne Reynders	-Wildrose Subdivision/Ferson Creek Property Owner
Jim Reuter	-South Elgin Parks and Rec.
Phil Rittmueller	-Land Owner
Ron Rudd	-City of Elgin
Jack Shouba	-Campton Township/Deer Run East
Rebecca Taniguchi	-Lake Campton Property Owners' Association
Peter Vargulich	-St. Charles
Sean Glowacz	-Kane County

Agenda

1. Introductions

2. Concerns about Watershed-Stakeholders were given an opportunity to share their concerns about their sections of the watershed. Together, the group formed a list that included the following issues:

- Log jams and beaver dams along the creek.
- Tree removal and clearing debris.
- Current and future development in the watershed and its affect on stream health.
- Stormwater
 - Too much runoff and not enough infiltration and recharge.
 - Non-point source pollution

- Volume of stormwater channeled into creek leading to stream bank erosion and sedimentation.
- Fecal coliform, nutrients and sediment and other pollutants.
- The ecological condition of the lands adjacent to the creek as well as the natural areas throughout the watershed, protecting quality of open space and the need for a healthy stream corridor.
- Need for improved recreation and education opportunities on public land in coordination with Kane County.
- Lack of education for land owners along creeks, need to encourage stream corridor best management practices.

3. Develop Goals for the Watershed-Amy led stakeholders in the process of developing Watershed Plan goals from the list of concerns. She introduced some draft goals to get the discussion started, and the group worked to add and amend them to fit their desires for the watershed. These goals will continue to develop as the Plan does, and include the following:

- Reduce fecal coliform contributions in Ferson-Otter Creek Watershed
- Reduce nutrients, sediments, and other pollutants.
- Educate stakeholders (residents, public official, etc.) about the importance and best management practices of proper watershed stewardship.
- Promote land use practices that do not increase the volume of stormwater runoff and reduce the risk of flood damage.
- Improve the quality and quantity of our water supply.
- Improve stream bank stabilization, erosion protection and conveyance.
- Formulate or identify a Watershed Coalition that is responsible for continuing efforts in the watershed.

These draft goals will be revisited at the November meeting as an agenda item.

- 4. Stream Walk Opportunity-**Stakeholders discussed a visit to various sites along the Ferson and Otter Creeks. This will give any interested stakeholder the opportunity to see –or show—a problem area or point of interest. More information will be disseminated via email.
- 5. Next Meeting Announcement-** The next meeting will take place at 2:00 p.m. on November 23 at the South Elgin Village Hall.
- 6. Meeting Adjournment-**The meeting was adjourned around 4:00 pm.