



**Ferson-Otter Creek Watershed Planning  
Meeting Notes  
Tuesday, September 27, 2011; 2:00 PM**

Hosted by:  
Village of Lily Lake  
47W870 Empire Rd.  
St. Charles, IL

**1. Welcome/Introductions**

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| Tim Loftus      | -Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)       |
| Amy Talbot      | -Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)       |
| Tara Neff       | -The Conservation Foundation (TCF)                     |
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| Kristin Bilar   | -Campton Township                                      |
| Alice Cairo     | -Wild Rose Homeowner                                   |
| Bill Cox        | -St. Charles Park District/Homeowner                   |
| Nancy Cox       | -St. Charles Park District/Homeowner                   |
| Rolf Fredrick   | -Village of Campton Hills                              |
| Sean Glowacz    | -Kane County Development                               |
| Jesse Heffernan | -Village of Lily Lake                                  |
| Jayne Holley    | -Lake Campton Property Owners Association              |
| Karen Hoyne     | -Lake Campton Property Owners Association              |
| Rob Linke       | -Deer Run Creek HOA/Trotter and Associates             |
| Dan Lobbes      | -The Conservation Foundation                           |
| Julie Long      | -Wild Rose Homeowner                                   |
| Marc McLaughlin | -Village of South Elgin                                |
| Kelsey Musich   | -Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District        |
| Brittany Prazak | -Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District Intern |
| Jim Reuter      | -Village of South Elgin                                |
| Steve Zahn      | -Village of Lily Lake                                  |

Introductions and Project Status: Tara Neff welcomed everyone and thanked the Village of Lily Lake for hosting the September Ferson-Otter Stakeholder meeting and providing refreshments. At our last meeting in July, Megan Elberts, CMAP, presented information to help us identify critical areas on the subwatershed level. We reviewed the draft chapters and list of potential projects. We also reviewed the draft Outreach and Education chapter. Today we are reviewing the first draft Watershed Action Plan and Plan Project Recommendations.

**2. Plan Project Recommendations**

Tim Loftus, CMAP, discussed the plan project recommendations. He clarified the difference between short-term and long-term project. Short-term projects are those projects that will most likely be implemented within the next five years, and with a lead implementer that is seeking funding to pay for implementation. The projects on this list will include more detailed information and must

include a number of calculations, including costs and pollutant load reductions, as well as commitments to oversee a ten-year operations and maintenance component. Our plan will include approximately 20 short-term projects and priority can be based on cost and yield reduction. Tim reminded everyone that the plan is a living document and formal updates may be dependent upon limited IEPA resources.

Stakeholders posed the following:

Can we calculate fecal coliform load reductions and prioritize projects based on that number? The Fox River Study Group has supplied some data related to fecal coliform. However, currently we have insufficient information/ monitoring data to calculate a load reduction. The first recommendation is monitoring, to determine where fecal coliform bacteria are coming from. Therefore this plan will address policy recommendations (geese, septic, livestock exclusions, maybe not in the floodplain, but within so many feet of the stream) until more definitive monitoring data becomes available.

Whether it is included in the monitoring section or the water quality section, we need baseline data to know where to focus our efforts. If it is from the pet population, we can focus our efforts on that; if is septic systems, we can focus our efforts on that.

The list of prioritized projects includes both short term and long term projects. South Elgin will contact Amy Talbot regarding the number of monitoring stations listed in the low priority list. It might make sense to aggregate them for calculating costs.

### 3. DRAFT Watershed Plan

CMAQ will work on updating the map of project locations, to give stakeholders more direction moving forward. More detailed recommendations for sources of fecal coliform bacteria will be included in the monitoring section.

The chapter 2 BMPs for agriculture will be moved to policy recommendations.

In our area, septic systems are currently only tested when a property is for sale. John Church and Drew Fraz would both be good resources for drafting language for recommendations. Ordinances at the county or municipal level can provide Homeowners with guidance. Images showing what to look for in septic maintenance would be helpful for an education program. Kelsey Musich, Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District, will work with Amy to draft a map of tile outfalls and/or septic locations in one or two neighborhoods (with or without HOAs) that might participate in a small study. The study would engage individual homeowners with septic systems over 15-years old near the creek.

The education and outreach chapter will list Townships as potential partners, and supports education efforts to influence policy recommendations and promote good stewardship for potential polluters.

Amy will submit our final draft Watershed Action Plan to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) by November 1. The grant CMAQ received from the IEPA to complete a watershed action plan expires December 31, 2011. CMAQ recognizes that stakeholders often need assistance to coordinate project implementation and is investigating ways to stay involved post-planning.

There are a number of ways stakeholders can continue to organize and support the plan's goals. Kelsey gave two examples of successful watershed groups in the area: Tyler Creek Watershed Coalition and the DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup. We will discuss these two groups and other methods (contracting with an organization) that might lend support to project implementation for stakeholders.

4. **Next Meeting Announcement**

Our next meeting will be held October 25, 2011 at the Kane County Farm Bureau Office located at 2N710 Randall Road in St. Charles, IL 60174.

5. **Meeting Adjournment**