



**Ferson-Otter Creek Watershed Planning  
Meeting Notes  
Tuesday, December 19, 2011; 2:00 PM**

Hosted by:  
Village of South Elgin-Municipal Annex  
1 West State Street  
South Elgin, IL 60177

**1. Welcome/Introductions**

Amy Talbot	-Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Tara Neff	-The Conservation Foundation (TCF)
Kristin Bilar	-Campton Township
Alice Cairo	-Wild Rose Homeowner
Sean Glowacz	-Kane County
Fred Houdek	-Sierra Club/Homeowner
Jayne Holley	-Lake Campton Property Owners Association
Dan Lobbes	-The Conservation Foundation
Marc McLaughlin	-Village of South Elgin
Marc Mylott	-City of Elgin
Scott Randall	-Wills Burke Kelsey Associates
Jim Reuter	-Village of South Elgin, Parks and Recreation Department
Maggie Soliz	-Pizzo & Associates
Dave Waden	-City of Elgin

**Introductions and Project Status**

Tara Neff, TCF, thanked the Village of South Elgin's Parks and Recreation Department for hosting the final watershed planning meeting and thanked stakeholders for their dedication throughout this planning process. Introductions by participants followed. Amy Talbot, CMAP, plans to submit the final The Ferson-Otter Creek Watershed Plan to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) this Friday, December 23. Tara will send the plan to participants when it is available.

**2. Watershed Plan Comments and Feedback**

Thank you to everyone who reviewed the plan and supplied comments and suggestions!

Amy stated IEPA's comment on the draft Ferson-Otter Creek Watershed Plan that was submitted on November 1 was to supply all information noted as "To be completed," including the pollutant load reduction modeling results for the list of short-term projects and the Lake Water Quality section. We received pollutant load modeling results and cost estimates from Hey and Associates for the short-term projects. Load reductions were calculated for 20 of the 21 final short-term projects in the plan; the Corron School detention retrofit project could not be calculated. The combined cost estimate for the short-term projects is \$1.7M. The Lake Water Quality section is almost complete. Feedback and comments supplied by stakeholders at the meeting:

- Many projects are erosion and sediment control, however, only two show fecal coliform reductions, why? Amy will call Hey and Associates and find out.
- Project list numbers are coordinated throughout all the plan documents (map in the plan, GIS maps etc.). The maps from the planning process can be supplied to stakeholders in pdf or jpg format on a CD, which will be available next year. If your needs are more immediate, please contact Amy.
- The Ferson Creek impairment due to the presence of fecal coliform bacteria and lack of data to identify the source or type should be our motivation for data collection/ in-stream monitoring.
- The municipal code and ordinance review comparisons appear in the plan, with municipalities listed as Community A-F. If a municipality is interested in determining which community represents their responses, Amy Talbot can supply more information.
- Jayne Holley asked that "Lake Campton Homeowners Association" be changed to "Lake Campton Property Owners Association." Stakeholders agreed that consistent use of "Lake Campton" be used throughout the plan.

Amy will conduct a final read of the plan for content and formatting issues. CMAP anticipates presenting the final plan to municipalities for formal adoption/resolution in early 2012. Amy will be contacting municipalities to schedule meetings at this time.

### 3. Next Steps

In an effort to help support plan implementation, TCF and CMAP are interested in convening two meetings with stakeholders next year. Additionally the Fox River Ecosystem Partnership (FREP <http://foxriverecosystem.org/news.htm>) is holding grant related workshops in January and February.

FREP program: Grant Writing 101  
Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 1:00 PM  
Algonquin Village Hall,  
2200 Harnish Dr. in Algonquin 60102

FREP Noon Network: Illinois EPA's 319 Grant Program  
Wednesday, February 16, 2012, 12:00 – 1: 30 PM  
James "Pate" Philip State Park Auditorium,  
2054 W. Stearns Rd. in Bartlett 60103

Stakeholders agreed to reconvene in March, after the holidays, the workshops, and during the 319 grant writing season. We will keep our meeting schedule and plan to meet on the fourth Tuesday from 2:00 – 4:00 at a location to be determined. Tara will work with stakeholders to identify a location and send the meeting notice.

We also discussed forming a lasting, member-driven Coalition. A few different models were reviewed at the October meeting, including a volunteer coordinator (Tyler Creek Watershed

Coalition), a coordinator who is able to incorporate Coalition responsibilities with their current employment role (Chicago Wilderness Committees), and a paid coordinator (DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup). We hope to help identify local stakeholders who might be able to help coordinate this process. Prior to the March meeting, TCF will get an estimate of costs for an appropriately-sized data collection effort as well as part-time staffing.

Different forums and meeting schedules have yet to be determined. TCF volunteered to create a Listserv and use this communication through the meeting hiatus to keep stakeholders in tune with relevant activities within the watershed. Other communication tools like LinkedIn and Facebook were discussed, which may not be possible for some municipal partners. Amy will find out contract specifics for maintaining the Ferson-Otter Creek page on FREP website and/or creating a separate domain. It was recognized that different stakeholders have different reasons/benefits for participating and those different reasons should be considered when developing Coalition meetings and activities going forward.

#### **4. Meeting Adjournment**