

2007 Plan of Work Highlights:

Eric went over 2007 Plan of Work, listed below.

- ✚ **Host Media Event to promote project, (Feb 23rd @ 11:00am) providing information on cost-share practices**
- ✚ Produce at least 2 newsletters. (Please contact me if you would like to add any relevant information)
- ✚ Develop 4 Press Releases with photos highlighting project achievements and activities
- ✚ Organize with the IDNR at least one field day(s) focusing on Septic Systems/Wastewater Management (August 2007?)
- ✚ Develop and maintain an educational, project-related website
- ✚ Design Catfish Creek Watershed Logo
- ✚ Organize a Technical Committee to develop and maintain a design manual/policies for storm water management within the Upper Catfish Creek Watershed
- ✚ Talk with Landowners about different Cost-Share Programs Available, Begin Surveying Sites
- ✚ Identify potential sites needing conservation practices, and track the effectiveness of practices installed
- ✚ Develop coalition with other urban/rural watershed projects
- ✚ Continue to Work with the IDNR Fisheries Department, to ensure Upper Catfish Creek is meeting the minimum quality assurance standards supporting the coldwater characteristics of the stream
- ✚ Continue to work with County/City GIS personnel to update and maintain accurate GIS records/maps

Iowa water, they have website—look for any details, and ideas for website. Developing sample sites, the more the better in the watershed.

Tom Boland—discussed there are sites being monitored by Catfish Creek Coalition, and will try to continue with this, hopefully adding new sites within the upper catfish creek watershed.

Pamphlet—what to expect while living the county? We believe Delaware County has information on this.

Conferences—talked about upcoming storm water conferences. Blackhawk Co. is putting on a good workshop on soil erosion.

Septic System:

Discussed in more detail the problems with Septic Systems in the county. Paul Buss spoke a bit in regards to county wide septic regulation. There were not any regulations until 1975 statewide. The Septic Workshop was discussed in more detail with the panel. We are shooting for August Workshop (2-3) hours long, at the nature preserve, 6-8pm. We need to have at least 15 people interested in attending from the county, particularly living in the watershed.

Big Problem: Owner Changes, new owners don't know what they need to do.

Meeting Minutes

Central Septic Systems: Developers don't want because of cost, however, if they invested properly they could just apply the cost to the cost of the home.

Next Meeting: The committee discussed how often they should meet and what information could be worked on while waiting to hear about future funding of activities. They agreed to meet bi-monthly and Eric will keep achievements recorded and update any and all progress made on the project. Eric will remain coordinating meetings and any watershed activities as they arise.

The next meeting of the **Upper Catfish Creek Watershed Council** is:
(Was March 6th) but will be changing due to
Conflict with Coordinator.
Yet To Be Determined.

Signature of Secretary _____

Signature of Commissioner _____

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