

Steering Committee/Organizational Meeting

March 3, 2009 4:30-6:00 p.m. Big Four Depot

Present: Megan Benage, KD Benson, Dan Dunten, Linda Eastman, Jane Frankenberger, Megan Heller, Phyllis Hunt, Crystal Joshua, Stan Lambert, Greg Michelski, Steve Murray, Alan Nail, Joe Payne, Linda Prokopy, Art Remnet, Linda Schmidt, Rae Schnapp, Sara Slater-Atwater, Don Staley, Dan Towery, Ron Turco, Kim Wilson

Presentation and updates about the project were provided. These included a review of what goes into a watershed management plan, the monitoring plan, and the education/outreach committee duties.

Individuals were queried on their goal for the project. Responses are below:

- Low nutrients from our tributaries
- Serious plan to address pathogens
- BMP implementation
- Funding priorities
- Innovative plan
- Long-term monitoring plan
- Rural and urban participation
- Focus on urban BMPs
- Integrate the river into the community
- Responsibility matrix for implementation of BMPs
- More community consensus on what to do with the watershed
- Make sure agricultural community is engaged in the process
- See BMPs implemented
- See river become a more integrated part
- Be able to kayak the river and see the bottom
- Help provide information to achieve the project (Ron Turco)
- See a good mix of urban and rural participation in the project
- See river become a larger part of community and a real focus
- A greater awareness and appreciation for the biodiversity of the Wabash River watershed
- Bank stabilization focus throughout watershed
- Ensure that watershed management plan meshes with long-term wastewater treatment plant efforts
- Make the area better