

## **Steering Committee Meeting II**

June 2, 2009 4:30-6:00 p.m. Lilly Nature Center

Present: KD Benson, Laura Bowling, Diane Damico, Sallie Fahey, Phyllis Hunt, Crystal Joshua, Steve Murray, Joe Payne, Linda Prokopy, Art Remnet, Joe Rund, Sara Slater-Atwater, Ron Turco

Absent: Deverall, Egly, Frankenberger, James, King, Lechtenberg, Nyberg, Remley, Talley, and Wilson.

Presentation and updates about the project were provided as follows:

### Education and Outreach Committee:

- The committee met in May to develop a series of target audiences and messages. Will meet again on July 7<sup>th</sup> (3:30 pm) to begin refining the messages and audiences.
- Will also be attending the Warren County, Fountain County, and Tippecanoe County fairs and Wabash River Fest. Please sign up to cover the booth for a minimum of a 2 hour period.

### Monitoring Committee:

- The monitoring committee also met in May to discuss the status of the monitoring portion of the project, determine how the committee will function in the future, and discuss data already out there and available.
- The committee hosted a field trip concurrent with Purdue faculty and community members. The field trip was covered by both WLFI and the Journal and Courier.
- 20 Hoosier Riverwatch volunteers were trained to sample at 12 sites. Monitoring will begin in June.
- The committee will meet again in August to begin a review of data collected to date.

### Project updates:

- Inventory efforts began in March with approximately 10 individuals currently inventorying a section of the watershed. We still need help with this, so if you are interested please let Sara know.
- The first public meeting occurred on April 23<sup>rd</sup> a follow-up meeting will occur in Warren County on July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Report: The first draft of the report will include the project background and structure, mission and vision, and stakeholder concerns. It is due to IDEM by August 11<sup>th</sup> and will be posted to the website sometime in July for committee comment.

### Mission and Vision development:

Attendees were divided in half to develop missions and visions in small groups. The following summarizes draft missions and visions and the final working mission and vision.

### Mission Drafts:

We are a community partnership to develop and implement a watershed management plan to improve water quality in the Greater Lafayette Reach of the Wabash River.

The Greater Lafayette Reach of the Wabash River Watershed Management Plan is a group of concerned citizens, agricultural communities, landowners, organizations, Purdue University and local governments who promote good stewardship to improve, restore, protect, and enhance the natural resources of the Greater Lafayette Reach of the Wabash River.

We are a community partnership to develop and implement a watershed management plan to improve and sustain water quality, natural resources, and economic benefits in the Region of the Great Bend of the Wabash River.

Working Mission:

We are a community partnership to develop and implement a watershed management plan to improve and sustain water quality, natural resources, and economic benefits in the Great Bend Region of the Wabash River.

Vision Drafts:

The Wabash River is a river of national significance. It deserves a level of stewardship commensurate with its significance. The Wabash will benefit from collaboration of urban and rural interests. Desired results of appropriate stewardship include: healthy habitat for aquatic and terrestrial life; and clean water for human consumption and recreation.

Think Wabash: act in your own backyard.

The Wabash River will provide a strong economic base and support excellent quality of life.

The Wabash River, Indiana's state river, deserves stewardship to assure our excellent quality of life.  
Think Wabash: Act in your own backyard.

The Wabash River, Indiana's state river, deserves stewardship to assure our excellent quality of life.  
Think Wabash: It matters, you matter.

The Wabash River, Indiana's state river, deserves stewardship to assure our excellent quality of life.  
Think Wabash: Conservation in action in your own back yard.

The Wabash River, Indiana's state river, deserves stewardship to assure our excellent quality of life.  
Think Wabash: Make a collective impact.

The Wabash River, Indiana's state river, deserves stewardship to assure our excellent quality of life.  
Think Wabash: Individual actions count.

The Wabash River, Indiana's state river, deserves stewardship to assure our excellent quality of life.  
Think Wabash: Individual actions have consequences.

The Wabash River, Indiana's state river, deserves stewardship to assure our excellent quality of life.  
Think Wabash: Individual actions matter.

Working Vision:

The Wabash River, Indiana's state river, deserves stewardship equal to its importance. Think Wabash: Your actions matter.