

**NORTH MILL CREEK/DUTCH GAP CANAL  
STAKEHOLDER PLANNING MEETING  
DECEMBER 15, 2011 2-4 PM  
ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP HALL**

**Meeting Purpose:** To bring stakeholders in the North Mill Creek/Dutch Gap Canal watershed together to:

- learn how the proposed Lake County runoff volume reduction amendments to the Watershed Development Ordinance will affect the watershed;
- better understand the IL Department of Transportation process being used for planning for Route 173 from Route 41 to Route 59 through the watershed; and
- discuss the draft watershed plan report including the action recommendations, public review and adoption process and schedule.

**Desired Outcomes:** By the end of the meeting we expect watershed stakeholders to be familiar with the content of the draft watershed plan and understand the public review and comment process and schedule.

## **MEETING REPORT**

### **1. Introductions & announcements**

Patty Werner welcomed everyone to the meeting, and participants introduced themselves. A list of the meeting participants is attached to this meeting report.

Announcements:

- A public information meeting about the watershed plan will be held on January 25, 2012 at the Lake Villa Library. There will be a presentation about the North Mill Creek-Dutch Gap Canal Watershed Plan at 4:30 and 6:30 PM with an open house format throughout the time period.
- The Public Hearing for the watershed plan will be held from 2-4 PM on Thursday February 2, 2012 at the Lake County Government Center in Waukegan, Illinois.
- If anyone needs a paper copy of the plan report for review, please let Patty know ASAP so she can place the print order.

### **2. Illinois Route 173 Phase 1 General Overview – Sandy Homola and Pete Ross, Teng & Associates**

Sandy Homola and Pete Ross from Teng and Associates presented the Route 173 Phase 1 Study on behalf of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Their presentation is posted on the SMC website at

<http://lakecountyil.gov/Stormwater/Documents/Planning/North%20Mill%20Creek/2012/Route173.pdf> .

The study area extends 9 miles from Route 59 to Route 41. A Context Sensitive Solution process is being used for the study to assess capacity, safety and mobility. A full range of alternatives are being considered for a “complete streets” design. The process includes data collection in 2011, purpose and needs development in 2012; alternatives will be identified and assessed in 2013; with a preferred alternative recommended to IDOT and the Federal Highway Administration in 2014. The two-lane route 173 is at capacity and is forecasted to exceed capacity by 2040.

**3. Watershed Development Ordinance Amendment to Reduce the Volume of Stormwater Runoff – Mike Novotney, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission**

Lake County Stormwater management is in the process of amending the county-wide Watershed Development Ordinance (WDO). Included in the proposed amendments are stormwater runoff volume reduction (RVR) requirements. These requirements attach measurable criteria to the RVR that is presently in the form of guidance in the WDO. Mike presented the relationship of the RVR amendment to the North Mill Creek-Dutch Gap Canal conditions assessment and Watershed Plan recommendations. For more detail about the proposed RVR amendment, Mike's presentation can be found at:

<http://lakecountyil.gov/Stormwater/Documents/Planning/North%20Mill%20Creek/2012/RVRAmendsNMCStkhldrs.pdf> .

**4. Review and approval of June 30, 2011 meeting summary**

The meeting report was accepted by consensus without change.

**5. Presenting key content of the watershed plan and review of the action plan**

Patty Werner presented a summary of the content and structure of the draft watershed management plan that is presently available for public review in a PowerPoint presentation. The public review draft of the watershed plan and Patty's presentation on "Navigating the North Mill Creek-Dutch Gap Canal Watershed Plan" can be found on SMC's website at:

<http://lakecountyil.gov/Stormwater/LakeCountyWatersheds/Pages/NorthMill.aspx>.

Patty encouraged stakeholders to review the draft watershed plan and provide comments to SMC by February 15, 2012. CDs with the draft watershed plan were available for those who wanted them.

**6. Next steps:**

- a. **Public review** – comments requested through February 15, 2012
- b. **Plan revision based on review** – final revisions to finalize the plan report based on comments
- c. **Plan adoption** – by the Stormwater Management Commission and the Lake County Board as an official amendment to the Lake County Stormwater Management Plan. Other watershed jurisdictions will also be requested to adopt the final watershed plan as a guidance document.
- d. **Next stakeholder meeting** – January 25, 2012 Public Information Meeting

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For questions pertaining to the watershed plan or watershed planning process, please contact the project team: Lake County Stormwater Management - [www.lakecountyil.gov/Stormwater](http://www.lakecountyil.gov/Stormwater)

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## North Mill Creek-Dutch Gap Canal Watershed

### Meeting Attendance 12/15/2011

Last Name	First Name	Title	Company
Anderson	James L.	Natural Resource Mgr.	Lake County Forest Preserve Dist.
Boeckler	Jeff	Principal Water Resource Specialist	Northwater Consulting
Burt	Randy	Chairman	NeuHaven HOA Beautification Committee
Cline	Andrea	Water Resource Professional	Lake County Stormwater Mgmt.
Elfering	Dale		Elfering Farms
Hall	Susan	Landscape Architect	Lake County Forest Preserve Dist.
Homola	Sandra L.	Water Res. Proj. Eng.	Teng & Associates, Inc.
Lewis	Cary D.		IDOT P&ES
Novotney	Michael E.	Watershed Resource Professional	Lake County Stormwater Mgmt.
Pedersen	Linda	County Board Member	Lake County Board Dist. 1
Prusila	Michael E.	Watershed Planner	Lake County Stormwater Mgmt.
Renwick	Jim		Renwick Nursery
Ross	Peter F.	Project Engineer/Civil Engineer	Teng & Associates, Inc.
Welsh	Wesley	Dir. of Public Works	Village of Lindenhurst
Werner	Patricia	Planning Supervisor	Lake County Stormwater Mgmt.
Wojcik	Richard F.	Hydraulics Section Chief	IDOT Div. of Hwys-Hydraulics