

**NORTH MILL CREEK/DUTCH GAP CANAL  
WATERSHED PLANNING MEETING REPORT  
MARCH 25, 2010, 2:30 - 4:30 PM  
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**1. *Introductions & Announcements***

Patty Werner, Planning Supervisor, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) welcomed new and returning stakeholders and introduced the project team: Jodi McCarthy, Civil Engineer and Mike Prusila, Watershed Planner at SMC, and Kathy Paap of the Lake County Health Department. These introductions were followed by meeting participants introducing themselves. A list of the meeting attendees is included with this report.

- Patty distributed an article on Dutch Gap Canal history and solicited additional responses to a request for historical information.
- Patty also announced that SMC will be moving to new address and staff will have new phone numbers after April 19<sup>th</sup>, these are included on the Agenda handed out at the meeting.
- Follow-up from last meeting:
  - Paasch Lake monitoring – WI Dept. of Natural Resources supplied data to SMC on lake turbidity (water clarity) based on satellite imagery. It appears that more detailed monitoring data on Paasch Lake is not available at this time. Patty asked whether there were any other questions that haven't been answered yet or need follow-up from the February meeting.
- Know a member: Patty introduced the “Know a Member” segment of intros/announcements and would like to have stakeholders share 5-minute descriptions of their organizations and their roles in the watershed at the beginning of future meetings. Volunteers for the April meeting are the Lake County Dept. of Planning, Building and Development and the Lake County Forest Preserves. First to go at this meeting, Patty introduced the Upper Des Plaines River Ecosystem Partnership (UDPREP), a non-profit Des Plaines River watershed coordination and outreach/education group that meets monthly. UDPREP covers the Des Plaines watershed from the WI headwaters to the Salt Creek watershed in Cook Co., IL. UDPREP is sponsoring an upcoming educational webinar on *Bioretention Design, Installation and Maintenance* on April 21, 2010, 11-1:30 at the Village of Lincolnshire. Patty also mentioned that UDPREP is working on the formation of an Upper Des Plaines Conservation Opportunity Area Partnership under IL Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) that will include the Conservation Opportunity Areas in the North Mill watershed.  
The plan committee asked if WI has a program analogous to the IL Conservation Opportunity Areas and State Wildlife Action Plan. **SMC will look into this and provide a response at a future meeting.**
- Randy Kerkman, Village & Town of Bristol, noted that the Kenosha Co. Smart Growth Plan was approved on 3/17/2010, and should offer protection for the N. Mill/Dutch Gap Watershed.

**2. *Prioritize Issues & Opportunities***

Patty recapped how the summary lists of issues and opportunities were tabulated, reviewed each issue/opportunity that was listed, and asked if there were any additions to the list. The planning committee then discussed the issues and opportunities and provided

clarifications where needed. The clarifications and additions are included in the final list of Issues/Opportunities for Prioritization.

Questions/comments from the committee during the discussion included:

- One public wastewater treatment plant exists in the N. Mill watershed on Hastings Creek (Lindenhurst WWTP). There is a private WWTP in the WI Dutch Gap watershed at Rainbow Lake Manor. **SMC will follow up/confirm for inclusion in the watershed assessment.**
- Is the Antioch Facility Planning Area going to extend into the North Mill Creek Watershed?
- Wisconsin communities already have well-defined regulations related to building homes in wetlands or floodplains. WI sites are also now required to retain all runoff on-site.
- Education related to funding opportunities should be added as an issue.
- Should farmland issues be summarized together?
- The Town of Salem has had a Phosphorus-free fertilizer ordinance in effect for 3 years.
- Residential should be split out from agriculture under the phosphorus ordinance opportunity.
- The Committee expressed interest in addressing livestock operations that fall under the threshold (# of head) for nutrient/manure management plan requirements. Promotion of manure mgmt. plans/education was added.
- Agricultural nutrient/manure management was included as overlay in the Kenosha County Smart Growth Plan. **SMC will obtain a copy for inclusion in the watershed assessment.**
- How is Lake County Health Dept. working with people to dispose of drugs & pharmaceutical products (rather than just flushing them)? LCHD is working with a few municipalities on resident education programs.

Patty explained the voting system we will use to determine collective priorities for watershed issues and opportunities. Each member was allotted 5 votes, weighted from 1-5 and instructed to vote for 5 issues, assigning their votes based on their priority, with 5 being the highest priority and 1 being the lowest. A breakdown of the final count is attached. Votes will be aggregated by issue and by topic. The prioritized issues & opportunities will help the group formulate the goals and objectives of the watershed plan. The group was asked if there were any final comments they would like to share about one or more issues before the group votes. The issues and opportunities were voted on and will be tabulated by SMC staff and reported to the group. SMC will send the issues and opportunity lists to the participants from the first meeting that could not attend today so that they may vote also.

### ***3. Future meeting schedule and locations***

It was determined that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. SMC staff will try to identify a site in WI to host the meeting.

### ***4. Future meeting topics***

SMC presented a list of potential future meeting topics to delve into more deeply as we develop the watershed plan. Members prioritized topics through dot votes 1-5. This list will also be sent out to the stakeholders who were not able to attend this meeting to request their priorities before the meeting presentation schedule is firmed up.

### *5. Development of plan goals*

Presentation on developing a vision, mission, goals and objectives was tabled until the next meeting.

#### **March 25, 2010 Meeting Attendees**

Last Name	First Name	Company
Anderson	James L.	Lake County Forest Preserve Dist.
Chefalo	Thomas J.	Lake County Planning, Bldg. & Dev.
Clifton	Mike	Loon Lake Management Assn.
Dicke	Faith M.	East Shore Crooked Lake
Elfering	Dale	Elfering Farms
Elfering	Noel	Town of Bristol
Francis	Sandy	31st Senatorial District
Funk	Ken	
Girmscheid	Tim	Liberty Prairie Conservancy
Green	Glenn	Lindenhurst Lakes Commission
Kerkman	Randall	Town of Bristol
Knysz	Peter M.	Christopher B. Burke Eng., Ltd.
Lindberg	John & Ingrid	
Loecher	Lee & Sue	
McCarthy	Jodi	Lake County Stormwater Mgmt.
Paap	Kathy	Des Plaines River Wetlands
Pedersen	Linda	Lake County Board Dist. 1
Prusila	Mike	Lake County Stormwater Mgmt.
Renwick	Jim	Renwick Nursery
Schultz	Phil	Crooked Lake Homeowners Assn.
Valentine	Linda	Town of Salem
Welsh	Wesley	Village of Lindenhurst
Werner	Patricia	Lake County Stormwater Mgmt.
Yamin	Yamin A.	James Anderson Company, Inc.

# North Mill Creek Watershed Plan Contact and Information Sheet

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You can follow the planning process and view meeting documents at:

[www.lakecountyil.gov/Stormwater/LakeCountyWatersheds/NorthMill.htm](http://www.lakecountyil.gov/Stormwater/LakeCountyWatersheds/NorthMill.htm)

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