

MEETING “SAVE THE DATE”

North Mill Creek / Dutch Gap Canal Watershed Stakeholder Meeting Thurs., Aug. 26, 2010 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Location TBA

We hope that you can join us for the next North Mill Creek / Dutch Gap Canal watershed meeting, which will be held on Aug. 26th. The location is yet to be determined, but we will send you details shortly. All are welcome!

Thanks to all who attended the last meeting, we had a great educational discussion about the natural history and management of invasive plant species and beavers in the watershed. A meeting report that includes a summary of the presentations and has been attached. It will also be posted on the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) website at: www.lakecountyil.gov/Stormwater/LakeCountyWatersheds/NorthMill.htm.

We are currently drafting a meeting agenda for the August 26th meeting, so if you have a discussion item or announcement you would like us to include – please get back to Jodi by Wednesday August 18th so that we can include it. We will send out the draft agenda along with the last meeting report by Thursday August 19th.

At the next meeting, we will have a focused presentation and discussion about open space, high quality natural resources and preserves, and watershed green infrastructure elements: natural areas, open space working lands and recreation areas, stream corridors, and wetlands. SMC will present the open space inventory that has been compiled for the watershed, and we will decide on prioritization criteria for the open space to evaluate its inclusion in a green infrastructure network for the watershed. We will also get the groups input on finalizing the watershed plan goal statements.

We are also still looking for a volunteer to be a part of our **“Get to Know” a watershed stakeholder** segment of the meeting. Please let us know if you would like to spend 5 minutes talking about your organization or a place that you know of in the watershed at this meeting or a future meeting. It does not have to be a formal presentation. (It would be great to hear about some of the lake associations.)

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the meeting. Feel free to contact us if you have questions, comments or suggestions. We look forward to seeing you on August 26th!

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