

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**North Mill Creek / Dutch Gap Canal Watershed
Stakeholder Meeting
Wed., Dec. 8, 2010
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Antioch Township, Lake Villa, IL 60046**

All are welcome!

Special thanks to Scott Tomkins of the Illinois EPA who traveled from Springfield to give a presentation at the October stakeholder meeting as a part of the “Get to Know” series. He provided attendees with an overview and history of Illinois EPA’s role in the watershed planning process, as well as detail about the IL EPA’s Watershed Management Grant Programs. A copy of Scott’s presentation is available on the website at:

www.lakecountyil.gov/Stormwater/LakeCountyWatersheds/NorthMill.htm.

At the October meeting we were also able to finalize the goal statements and generate a draft a vision statement. A meeting report that includes a summary of the presentation, goals, and draft vision statement 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.

For the stakeholders that were unable to attend the last meeting, we ask that you please take a few minutes to look at the draft watershed Vision Statement that the planning committee agreed to at the meeting as listed below. A vision statement reflects the watershed planning committee’s desired future for the North Mill Creek/Dutch Gap Watershed in 2030. It takes into account the current status of the watershed, and serves to point the direction of where the watershed will be in 2030. A vision statement is a means of setting a central goal that the watershed stakeholders will aspire to reach, and it helps to provide a focus for the mission of the watershed stakeholders group in implementing the watershed plan.

We encourage you to please contact us with any comments/suggested revisions to the draft statement below so that we can incorporate them.

Draft Vision Statement for Comment:

Our vision for the North Mill Creek and Dutch Gap Canal watershed is to have clean water, diverse ecosystems, and fish and wildlife supported by land use and development plans that promote the effective use, preservation and enhancement of working, recreational, and natural open space; a community that is well-informed of watershed issues; and to maintain the existing rural or “small town” community aesthetics and quality of life.

We are currently drafting a meeting agenda for the meeting, so if you have a discussion item or announcement you would like us to include – please get back to Jodi by Tuesday November 30th so that we can include it. We will send out the draft agenda along with the last meeting report by Wednesday December 1st.

At the next meeting, we will have presentations pertaining to farmland preservation and sustainable agricultural practices. We will also be able to continue group discussions to finalize the vision statement and the criteria for prioritizing parcels for the green infrastructure plan.

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 December 8th!

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