

## **NORTH MILL CREEK/DUTCH GAP CANAL WATERSHED PLAN DRAFT GOAL STATEMENTS-MAY 2010**

- 1) Reduce flood damage to structures and infrastructure and the increasing flooding of farmland, and prevent flood damage from worsening in the watershed. (Outcome: reduction in flood damage to structures and infrastructure and reduction in farmland flooding)
- 2) Improve water quality by eliminating present impairments in lakes, streams and wetlands; and protect water quality by implementing land development and management practices that prevent pollution. (Outcome: water bodies are not impaired and future pollution is prevented)
- 3) Protect, enhance and restore the health of stream and lake ecosystems. (Outcome is to have healthy lakes and streams.)
- 4) Protect, enhance & restore natural resources through the expansion of preserved open space areas as green infrastructure reserves, maintaining hydrology and buffers for high quality areas, and employing good natural resource management practices. (Outcome: natural resources are protected, enhanced, or restored)
- 5) Use a system of both site level green infrastructure practices and regional greenways to protect and enhance water quality and natural resources, and increase connectivity of natural areas. (need to differentiate this from previous goal.) (Outcome: site level and regional green infrastructure system is established)
- 6) Guide new development design and practices to protect or enhance existing water resources, natural resources and open space. (Outcome: New development occurs without impairing water resources, natural resources, and open space)
- 7) Provide watershed stakeholders with knowledge, skills and motivation needed to implement the watershed plan. Watershed stakeholders include (but are not limited to) residents, property owners, government agencies and jurisdictions, and developers. (Outcome: stakeholders have adequate information to implement the watershed plan)
- 8) Encourage the farmland preservation programs and sustainable agricultural practices that protect or enhance watershed resources, water quality and reduce flood damages. (Outcome: The plan encourages farmland preservation and sustainable agriculture practices that protect/enhance watershed resources and reduce flooding)