

# Bull Creek-Brook Watershed Council 2016 Work Plan

Strategy	Status	Lead(s)
1. Bull Creek-Brook Watershed Council (BC-BB WC) will meet 3 times in 2016	February 16, 2016 Conserve, June 16, 2016 USML, October 13, 2016 Mundelein HS	Leadership T./ Kathleen/Patty
2. Develop annual work plan (budget sufficient to contract for E-News design/editing)	Work Plan Draft February 2016/ Finalized June 2016	Ken/Paul/Patty/Kathleen Watershed Council
3. Produce 3-4 E-News updates. (One issue will focus on BMP training)	<p>June 2016 E-News - Topics To Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lake Lomond – Fritz</li> <li>Lake County Audubon Society’s Rt. 137 Birdscaping Project – Geiselharts</li> <li>Invasive Species Highlight – Jon</li> <li>Bull Creek Trail Project Update – Kathleen</li> <li>Casey Road Restoration Update – Kathleen</li> <li>Upcoming Events – All contribute</li> <li>Call for Volunteers – Highlight volunteer opportunities – all contribute</li> <li>It was suggested that Valerie write an article on how public bodies address water safety for ground water.</li> </ul> <p>Summer Fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community chloride reduction success stories</li> </ul>	Kathleen/Patty/Ken
4. Identify 3-4 educational messages for community websites, newsletters, high school projects	<p>Need to promote these topics for posting on community/organization websites and newsletters.</p> <p>Suggestions for future articles/features for messages include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of findings on WQ monitoring</li> <li>• Highlight lake management</li> <li>• What to expect if your community reduces road salt use</li> <li>• Economic benefits of protecting the watershed</li> <li>• Drinking water safety (article in Tribune about how phosphates are added to water at the water plants to coat the inside of pipe)</li> <li>• Impacts of impervious cover</li> <li>• Good/watershed-friendly practices based on the season.</li> <li>• Invasive plant feature</li> <li>• Increased engagement of the high schools and possibly the middle schools was identified as a priority for 2016.</li> </ul>	Leadership T./ Kathleen/Ken/Patty

<p>5. ID watershed champion for each community/organization and compile list. Involve high schools and additional HOAs. (lower priority)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Council members will provide community contacts as they are identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Libertyville: Paul Kendzior, Village Engineer</li> <li>▪ Mundelein: Holly Kim</li> <li>▪ Grayslake: Elizabeth Davies?</li> <li>▪ Libertyville Township: Kathleen O'Connor</li> <li>▪ Warren Township: Sue Simpson?</li> <li>▪ Fremont Township: Alesha Dodd or Diana O'Kelly</li> <li>▪ Libertyville High School: Dave Lapish LEAF Club</li> <li>▪ Prairie Crossing Charter School: Geoff Deigan, Naomi Hershiser</li> <li>▪ Warren Township High School: Mike Meizela</li> <li>▪ St. Mary's University: Clayton Klaweit</li> <li>▪ Mundelein Park District: Margaret Resnick</li> <li>▪ Grayslake Park District: (Jeff Nehilia?)</li> <li>▪ Liberty Prairie Foundation: Brad Leibov, Nathan Aaberg</li> <li>▪ Conserve Lake County: Sarah Surroz/Dave Neu</li> <li>▪ Liberty Prairie Area Homeowner Assn: Chris Geiselhart</li> <li>▪ Prairie Crossing HOA: Joe Marencik</li> <li>▪ Loch Lomond POA: Fritz Chesek &amp; Robin Meier</li> <li>▪ Arbor Vista HOA: Rick Hoppel</li> <li>▪ SMC: Patty Werner</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Leadership T.</p>
<p>6. Reduce road salt usage watershed wide.</p>	<p>Lake County Training Workshops October 4 &amp; 5, 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Need to meet with Innovation Park</li> <li>● Conversations with watershed communities on what salt reduction BMPs are being implemented</li> <li>● Suggest having the identified community champions promote salt reduction in their organizations</li> <li>● Promote cost savings with use of best practices</li> <li>● Continue to develop APWA partnership including participation in the snow plow obstacle course event?</li> </ul>	<p>Patty/Mike Adam/Susan Vancil</p>
<p>7. Develop list of contacts for volunteer work Organize or support one education/stewardship event/project</p>	<p>Incl. in E-News: Participate in in volunteer share with Chicago Wilderness to provide days of service for corporate volunteers Add information about opportunities for volunteers on Sustainable LC webpage</p>	<p>Leadership T.  KC Doyle</p>
<p>8. Convene a "planner's forum" for community planners to include watershed recommendations in other community plans.</p>	<p>Representatives from Libertyville, Mundelein and Grayslake will be asked to attend watershed meetings and share community initiatives at meetings and in news articles.</p>	<p>Leadership T.</p>

<p>9. Partner with Conservation@Home to host training for riparian landowners on best lawn maintenance practices, managing stream buffers, controlling invasives.</p>	<p>Mundelein Park District is interested in participating for Diamond Lake and Bull Creek.</p> <p>Brookhill subdivision would also be interested in participating in this training opportunity.</p> <p>Showcase certified properties in the watershed – host garden walk?</p>	<p>Margaret Resnick</p> <p>Peggy Schlapper/Sharon Harris</p> <p>Conserve</p>
<p>10. Review progress status and update the watershed action plan.</p>	<p>2016: The umbrella Des Plaines River watershed plan proposed by SMC for the DRWW is planned to include an action plan update for the BC-BB watershed plan.</p>	<p>Patty/Kathleen</p>

Additional Notes:

Judy Beck recommended as potential future speaker to discuss safe drinking water

Lake County Health Department is offering a reduced rate for WQ testing