

Watershed Oversight Committee Meeting minutes:

5/15/13 Meeting called to order at 10:12 am by Jackie Kraft at Davis Lodge, Lake Bloomington

Attendees:

Jackie Kraft, Rick Twait, Angelo Caparella, MaryJo Adams, Krista Kirkland, Brian Lambert, Julie Weber, Janet Beach Davis, Ashley Maybanks (TNC), Maria Lemke, Mike Steffa,

Updates:

Jackie- SWCD will be applying for Dept of Agriculture grant for \$10,000 for the White Oak boat ramp area. Rick and Jackie will be meeting with ISU for a 319 grant for a public indicator/awareness project.

T3 update- wetlands were seeded yesterday. Still have the bridge and overlook to build and a community workshop will be scheduled. There is already one June 13th on the wetland with TNC. MaryJo suggests that this could be a Hiking Trail event next year in June. The butterfly garden is still in progress. It should be seeded this fall with shrubs added in spring.

Friends of Everbloom: Next meeting will be May 30th at 6:00 at Davis Lodge. Friday, May 17th at 9:00 at Comlara there will be a lake revegetation project started.

Rick- There will be an ISU Masters student studying phytoplankton in Lake Bloomington to make procedure for monitoring algae population.

Once the corn is up, Jackie will be running a T-Transect every mile and a half to assess the conservation practices and erosion, with the information going to the Department of Agriculture. The corn has to be up and 75% of the beans have to be in before the transect can be done. It was done two years ago, and this will allow SWCD to observe any changes in our soil conditions. The watershed is checked every mile and will be run separately.

Evergreen Plan Updates:

Criteria for which parts of the plan needs to be updated was discussed.

1. Goals and objectives to be revised since some items have been addressed and other problems have arisen.
2. Additional BMPs for newer procedures and recent problems (such as invasives).
3. Reform the original committees to review the plan and update as needed.
4. Form an addendum to the plan rather than rewrite the entire plan.
5. Include new partners in the plan implementation (Friends of EverBloom).

Work items:

1. Update the implementation plan and report back to the group.
2. Reform committees to discuss new issues and data that can enhance the plan.
3. Write addendum to the plan.

Next meeting:

Week of June 24th. Email will be sent to coordinate. Adjourned: 11:15.