

Meeting Minutes
Indian Creek Watershed Steering Committee
September 10, 2007, 6:30 p.m., Painted Hills Clubhouse

In Attendance:

Leanne Whitesell
Bonny Elifritz
Bob Atnip
Norman Voyles
Jacob Hougham
Pat Clark
Debra Ashack
David Harrell

Debra:

- Distribution of Binders-Binders include TMDL report, meeting minutes, draft mission statement, grant outline

Pat:

- Asked for budget-education is not included in current budget
- Presented goal for meeting: fine tune the mission statement
- Original: Involve and educate its residents to understand and solve pressing water quality issues and promote the development and implementation of meaningful and effective water quality programs and the effects of water pollution on humans, animals, and plant life.
- After several revisions: Involve and educate the residents of the Indian Creek Watershed regarding pressing Water Quality issues, the effects on humans, animals and plant life, and promote the development and implementation of programs and practices that preserve and improve the water quality in the Indian Creek Watershed.
- Indiana Watershed Planning Guide from IDEM (2003) available online in pdf: www.in.gov/idem/water/planbr/wsm
- Concerns list needs to be revised to develop problems (immediate vs. potential). Eliminate items off of concerns list that are redundant or not applicable.
- Five topics
 - 1) E. Coli (septic, livestock, pet, WWTP discharge)-we have existing data
 - 2) Soil Erosion (Livestock, ATV use, boats in lake)
 - 3) Nutrient (Deficiencies and proficiencies)
 - 4) Debris/dumping
 - 5) Exotic species
 - 6) Education/lack of knowledge/awareness

Problem Statements:

- 1) Waters in the Indian Creek Watershed have been found to contain concentrations of E. Coli above the Indiana Water Quality Standard of a geometric mean of 125 per 100ml which result in unhealthy conditions for recreational uses and consumption.
- 2) Watershed streams become muddy during/after rain events which reduces water quality and aesthetics. The loss of excess soil and nutrients reduces both soils and water quality. Sedimentation in streams reduces channel capacity and increases potential for flooding. Increased turbidity produces suboptimal conditions for aquatic life.
- 3) **Do remainder individually and compare at the next meeting-Monday October 8, 6:30-Painted Hills Clubhouse**