



*Nippersink Creek Watershed Planning Committee*

c/o McHenry County Soil and Water Conservation District  
1648 S. Eastwood Dr., Woodstock, IL 60098  
815-338-0099

## Minutes

Meeting of the Nippersink Creek Watershed Planning Committee\_of April 6, 2006, at 7:00 pm, held at the Alden Township Office, 8515 Alden Road, Harvard, IL.

**Members Present: Dan Wilson, Chuck Beard, Cindy Skrukruud, Randy Stowe, Tom Cooper, Chris Paluch, Rob Linke, & Dick Hilton**

- I Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Tom Cooper and second by Cindy Skrukruud, the committee tabled approval of the March 2, 2005 minutes, pending completion.**
- II Treasurers Report – No Report**
- III Public Comments - None**
- IV Unfinished Business:**
  - A. Status & Review of update to plan.
    - 1. Review of Sub-watershed maps (Rob Linke) **(a) Rob presented the committee with compact disks containing the maps of the sub watersheds and after reviewing a visual display, requesting that committee members review the data and also the data on the web site and advise him of any needed changes or revisions. Especially review for missing names of creeks and natural areas and mislabeled information. (b) The outreach programs are close to being completed for review prior to presentation to interested parties in the sub watershed regions. (c) Following discussion of the plat maps provided by the McHenry County Assessors office the committee requested that Dick Hilton attempt to set up a short meeting with the Director of the McHenry County Planning & Development Dept. for the purpose of demonstrating the need for zoning information on parcels in the watershed. It was hoped that a meeting could be set for 4/12, 13, 14, or 18. Rob would be available to present information focusing on our needs. We are looking to fill the need for existing land-use and land-cover data to go with the parcel map data.**
  - B. NIPC Stream Inventory (Tim Loftus) **Cindy Skrukruud & Randy Stowe agrees to follow up with NIPC staff and evaluate the data to see if it is suitable to our needs.**
  - C. Signage – “Entering Watershed” (Hilton)
    - 1. IDOT Contact, (State Highway (“Watershed sign”) Hilton **No Report**
    - 2. County contact, (Nippersink ID sign) **No Report.**
  - D. Pappas property update **Correspondence was directed to the IL DNR pointing out the importance of this property to the upstream watershed and requesting that they consider reopening their consultation review of the property. There has not been a response to this correspondence to date.**
  - E. Wonder Lake NPDES Permit application update (Hilton) **Revisions to the application have been made and are under review by the IL EPA. The draft permit should be released for public review in April.**
  - F. Review of McHenry County Draft Land Use Plan status. **A new planning commission is being formed to begin the process of developing a 2030 land use plan for the county.**
- V New Business**
  - A. Bull Valley annexations on Greenwood Road (Hilton) **Petitioner/owners of less than 11 acres of land have filed a petition to forcibly annex almost 160 acres of land so that they might annex their properties to the Village of Bull Valley. A hearing is scheduled for April 10.**
  - B. Dredging Wonder Lake – potential for grants. **Hilton advised that the MPOA and Village of Wonder Lake are working on a plan to begin a dredging project to remove sediments in Wonder Lake beginning in the spring of 2008. The expense of dredging could ultimately benefit the entire watershed if an implementation plan is established that would qualify for funding through the Clean Water Act 319 program.**
  - C. Shoreline Stabilization – Dam Maintenance. **Hilton also brought to the committee’s**

**attention the effort by the Village of Wonder Lake and the MPOA to assist lakefront property owners to obtain permits for shoreline stabilization activities by working with the U.S. Army Corpse of Engineers to simplify the permit process. This would also apply to upstream dam restoration efforts.**

- D. **IL EPA 2006 303-D List. Cindy Skrukruud brought to the attention of the committee that the Impaired Waters Report is now available on the IL EPA website and that the Nippersink is included.**

**VI Next Meeting – May 4, 2006 at the Alden Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.**

**VII Adjournment - On a motion by Tom Cooper and second by Dan Wilson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**