

# NIPPERSINK CREEK WATERSHED PLANNING COMMITTEE

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## Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Nippersink Creek Watershed Planning Committee of July 7, 2005 at 7:00 pm, held at the McHenry County Soil & Water Conservation District office, 1143 Seminary Ave., Woodstock, IL.

Committee Members present: **Randy Stowe, Joan Mansfield, Tom Cooper, Cindy Skrukruud, Dan Wilson, Lucy Piechota, Orrin Bangert and Dick Hilton**

- I **Approval of Minutes of June 2, 2005 approved on a motion by Tom Cooper, second by Joan Mansfield**
- II **Treasurers Report - No Report**
- III **Public Comments - None**
- IV **Unfinished Business**

- a. Identify projects to address water quality issues for future consideration. No new projects submitted to the committee for review. Cindy Skrukruud stated that she will prepare a list for the next meeting.
- b. Nippersink Creek Website (<http://nippersink.org>). Randy reminded the committee that we still need positive pictures for posting on the site.
- c. Future meeting site. Following discussion, the committee decided to continue to meet at the new location of the SWCD office but to also reserve the Alden Township office as a backup in the event we have to find another location.
- d. Review and Update of work schedule related to the grant. 1) Randy Stowe presented a memo from Rob Linke that provided information on the status of gathering data. 1) Randy & Rob met with the MCCD staff and the District should be able to provide the needed watershed "natural areas" and other data by mid July. 2) The watershed will be broken down into 11 subwatersheds. Rob will be distributing info via email to committee members about naming the subwatersheds and unnamed tributary creeks and also contacting Ed Collins for information on stream names. 3) Randy will be meeting with Spring @ SWCD to further discuss the need for additional data.
- e. Spring Grove Fish Hatchery. Cindy Skrukruud will provide an update at the next meeting but for now, the transfer of the hatchery to the Village of Spring Grove appears to be on hold.

## V **New Business**

- a. Village of Wonder Lake FPA Application. Hilton advised committee that the application has been approved by NIPC and will be forwarded to the IL EPA in Springfield sometime this month. Following receipt the IL EPA will review and start their clock on the required public review process.
- b. Signage - "Entering the Watershed". The committee discussed the need to get these signs onto the major state highways. Randy Stowe & Orrin Bangert will check on the kind of posts needed and Hilton will check with Mike Verlot, an official with IDOT who lives in Wonder Lake.
- c. Annexation and Development of the "Pappas" property to the Village of Greenwood - Added to agenda at beginning of meeting. Following discussion, Cindy Skrukruud motioned to request that Dave Brandt attend and represent the interests of the committee at the Village of Greenwood Planning Commission Hearing scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the Greenwood Township Hall on July 12, 2005. Motion second by Tom Cooper and approved by a unanimous vote of the committee. Randy Stowe will contact Spring @ SWCD about producing maps to detail the environmental issues related to the development of this property. Randy will also contact Ed Collins (MCCD) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and express our concerns with them. Hilton will contact Sue Ehardt to request that County be present to address concerns related to enforcement of the McHenry County Watershed Development Ordinance. Cindy brought up the letter that was generated last year, designed to assist municipalities in evaluating development plans. (See copy below). Committee agreed that the letter should be reviewed and materials gathered to be sent to all municipalities in the watershed.

This report evolved into a committee discussion concerning the effort of the committee to advise and work with municipalities and property owners to further develop awareness of our watershed plan by incorporating its recommendations on development into the SWCD NRI review process. This issue will be on the agenda for the next committee meeting.

VI Next Meeting - September 1, 2005 at the SWCD office at 7:00 p.m.

VII Adjournment - Motion by Dan Wilson, second by Tom Cooper at 8:50 p.m.

DRAFT OF LETTER MENTIONED IN V-C ABOVE



**Nippersink Creek Watershed Planning Committee**

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**To:** All municipal, county and township planning & zoning commissions in the Nippersink Creek watershed

**From:** Nippersink Creek Watershed Planning Committee

The Nippersink Creek Watershed Planning Committee is committed to assisting local governing bodies in evaluating development proposals in the Nippersink Creek watershed and their ability to address natural resource issues. We would like you to utilize the enclosed information by including it in your packet for developers. After your review, we are suggesting that you request that each developer complete one or both questionnaires for the purpose of evaluating the ability of the proposed development to address natural resource issues in the watershed.

We have enclosed a copy of a Codes and Ordinances Worksheet developed by the Center for Watershed Protection and Appendix E: CeDES System as found in the *Conservation Design Resource Manual: Language and Guidelines for Updating Local Ordinances* recently developed by the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission. One or both documents can be completed by developers and submitted to you as a part of your development review process. Both documents will enable local governing bodies to assess the impact of the design on the Nippersink Creek watershed and to evaluate the ability of the developer to address environmentally sensitive areas specific to the proposed development site.

These documents can be found on the internet. They are designed for use by local governing bodies interested in evaluating the ability of their zoning laws to address natural resource issues. In the event you are considering such a review, additional information and resource material is available at both [www.cwp.org](http://www.cwp.org) and [www.nipc.org](http://www.nipc.org). The full text of the NIPC/Chicago Wilderness Conservation Design Resource Manual can be found at <http://www.nipc.cog.il.us/new-pubs.htm#Conservation%20Design>.

The Nippersink Creek Watershed Planning Committee is providing this information in response to the increased development pressures within the Nippersink Creek Watershed. We encourage you to use these documents as tools to protect and enhance both the quality of our highly valued watershed and our quality of life.