

# HAMILTON COUNTY STORM WATER STEERING COMMITTEE

Wednesday May 23, 2012

1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 1:47 PM Wednesday, February 15, 2012. Those present were as follows: Mr. Kent Ward, Hamilton County Surveyor; Mr. Pat Comer, Town of Cicero; Mr. Ira Goldfarb, City of Noblesville; Mr. Charles Kiphart, Hamilton County Planning Commission; and Mr. John Thomas, City of Carmel.

## **Community Updates:**

Hamilton County – Ward stated that on Friday we contracted with Burke and we're doing an in house SWPPP review training for the three plan reviewers, Christie and I. We're talking about putting together an inspection class. I don't know who else would be interested in attending the class.

Comer stated that he wouldn't mind sending Paul (Munoz) to that because he hasn't been involved in that much since he took the position.

Goldfarb stated that we have an individual lot inspector from the planning department that we've just put on so we may want to send him.

Ward stated that Burke talked about this session being a day long.

Thomas stated that they don't have any new hires yet.

Goldfarb stated that he needs to get the two engineering inspectors and the planning department inspector; Randy (Braun) from IDEM has defined a little more specifically what a qualified individual means both on the construction side and the inspection side.

Cicero – Comer stated that the CVS project is suppose to be started sometime this year. The lease on the existing building will run out next year.

Noblesville – Goldfarb stated that we've been in the schools recently. We went to White River Elementary and cycled 300 kids through a public education slide show and then we separated the kids into three groups for demonstrations. We went to Noblesville High School and did the AP Environmental Science classes for two days. We have an intern this year for IDDE.

Cicero – Comer stated that on June 2<sup>nd</sup> the Hamilton County Arts Association is doing a rain barrel contest and bought 14 to 15 rain barrels that have been decorated by different groups and will be auctioned off and the money donated to The Friends of the Park or other charity. The Thursday before the Auction date Hamilton County Soil & Water is doing a rain garden workshop at the Red Bridge Community Building.

Carmel – Thomas stated that construction season is picking up. We have a lot of apartment projects. Our bigger projects are still in the planning phase. The Legacy is starting to pick up again. We've come to some agreements on floodplain. We have two interns this summer; one will be doing IDDE and the other on GIS and getting our plans scanned.

Hamilton County – Ward stated that on the latest email from Reggie (Korthals) does anyone remember what the timeline was; Thursday or Friday for IDEM making their decision. According to Reggie she didn't want to meet. There are orphaned outfalls and we wanted to know who was responsible for those?

Thomas stated that he thought Reggie was going to come out with a policy, but then she did a month or two ago and that's what started us going back and forth with Lori (Gates); Lori sent Reggie the email and she made her interpretation of Lori's email and then Lori said that it looked like Reggie was agreeing with us for the most part, but the one issue left is the orphaned outfalls. Our intern is putting a protocol together based on guidance from Jodi Arthur with IDEM on Cool Creek. It's currently on the 303d list for E.Coli and she gave us a sampling criterion of if we followed this procedure and had questions on it; we're waiting to hear back from her. If we sample Cool Creek five times within a 30 day period equally spaced; we're still figuring out what that location is, but if we do that and E.Coli levels are below the States Surface Water Quality Standards then we can have it removed from the 303d list.

Ward asked if Thomas looked at the County's Cool Creek Study because we did sampling.

Thomas stated that they used some of that for the base line characterization when we put the SWPPP together, but I don't know if it follows Jodi's criteria or not.

Ward stated that he didn't remember E.Coli being a problem with Cool Creek.

Thomas stated that Carmel started their IDDE screening and we sampled each drain in Carmel where it comes in and where it leaves to get a baseline and every time we sampled it, it was fine, it was below the limit. We did have high levels at outfalls, but once you got to the main part of the creek it was fine so that's why we're pursuing it because we have a chance to get it removed.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting was schedule for July 25, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned

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Kenton C. Ward, CFM  
Hamilton County Surveyor

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Executive Secretary