

Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2014
Midtown Carnegie Library
Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 AM

Roll Call

Review of Minutes

Watershed Committee Update—Mr. Kromrey said WCO received a Little Sac Restoration and Improvement 319 Grant, \$480K, 60% and 40% match that will include riparian restoration, prescribed grazing and stream restoration. Ms. Armstrong represented the WCO at the Medicine Take Back Event and Mr. Hunt and the Parks Dept. held a very successful homeschoolers day with 300 in attendance. The WCO 30th Anniversary Event is Saturday, July 12th, sponsorships are still available.

The Integrated Plan—Errin Kemper, PE, D.WRE, Assistant Director, Department of Environmental Services, City of Springfield—Mr. Kemper stated the Integrated Plan is a joint effort between the City, City Utilities of Springfield and Greene County. The initial proposal of what an Integrated Plan would look like included air quality, solid waste and stormwater and followed the guiding principles: affordable, effective, fair, attainable, measurable and adaptable. Mr. Kemper said there was a 4 Phase Approach. Phase I: Assessment Phase—Where are we now? Collect and summarize data including streams, watershed boundaries, and stream sample locations, waste water including pipes, sanitary sewer, septic, clay sewer lines, industrial discharge, and SSO, and geology including interior drainage points, springs, dye trace results and how those connected together. Phase II: Vision Stage—Where do we want to be and when have we achieved success? When in compliance with Federal and State regulations, address holistically, community support and understanding of goals, community understands resources sued and economic develop and growth and specific goals for each environmental area. Phase III: Tactical Phase—identify community priorities and prioritizing sources like aquatic life, air quality, swimming, etc., start integrated planning task force, build multiple criteria decision analysis (MCDA) toolset and turn into a pie chart. Prioritize the solutions and look at the financial capability. Phase IV—Adaptive Management Phase—How will we measure progress? Observe, monitor and compare to vision baseline.

Missouri Department of Conservation Update —Andy Austin— Mr. Austin stated there is a meeting regarding regulations on the captive cervids industry with a means of reducing the spread of chronic wasting disease in deer including more effective fencing between captive and live deer, restrictions on bringing live deer into Missouri and testing of deer in captive facilities if they die. Mr. Austin said the wild deer herds are a valuable to the State. MDC is monitoring and treating hydrilla in northeast Greene County with a timeframe of eradication from 4 to 10 years.

Regional Issues—Barbara Lucks said there is a free tire collection at Hillcrest High School tomorrow from 8am-Noon. She said this is the 29th year the City received a Tree City USA award, this year CU received a tree line award and MSU a tree campus award making Springfield a Triple-Crown community. Megan Terry gave a National Weather Service update stating we were down 6.2 inches for the year in rain. Expect average temperatures for April and above average temperatures and precipitation in May and above normal temperatures for June and July. She said Springfield had 32.2 inches of snow which is the 7th highest total for Springfield. Dan Chiles said MSU declared they would stop using coal tar on their parking lots. Dave Coonrod said this weekend is Arts Fest. Ted Hillmer said there will be a stream clean up on Wilson's Creek this weekend and Arts in the Park is Saturday 7pm-8pm. Mona Menezes said Water Watch Week is June 2-15th. Dan Hoy said the Bass Pro Bow Fishing Tournament is this weekend and several thousand pounds of fish will be turned into fertilizer. Next Friday morning is the ribbon-cutting for Close Memorial park's new spillway and trail improvements.

Other Business— none

Meeting adjourned 8:30 a.m.

