



Planning Committee Meeting 4 – Minutes
November 16, 2021 10:00AM
Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Greater Egypt Staff Present:

Tyler Carpenter, *GIS and Environmental Planning Director*
Kelsey Bowe, *Environmental Planner*
Gabrielle Reed, *Environmental Planner*

Planning Committee Present:

Tina Shingleton, President- Village of Makanda
Stephanie Eichholz, Director- Green Earth, Inc.
Tom Brummer- Director- SIUC Touch of Nature
Tony Harrison- Director of Utilities, City of Carbondale, IL

Introductions were made by Tyler Carpenter, including the overview of the purpose of the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to review the ongoing work in the Western Crab Orchard Creek Watershed Based Plan document. Mr. Carpenter informed the attendees of the new draft release date and the final submission dates on November 18th and November 30th. The previous meetings held concerning the watershed-based plan were reiterated by Tyler, as well as the expectations for the remaining time frame. He also discussed the past meeting conducted on Zoom and the publications of previous drafts on the Greater Egypt website.

Mr. Carpenter reviewed the *Nine Minimum Elements* necessary for a watershed plan to be conducted and finalized for grant approval and for IEPA guidelines. He covered the preliminary goals of the planning process and the load reduction targets desired for the watershed. Mr. Carpenter made a point to note that the IEPA have not made any comments on the plan draft. He talked with the planning committee about the 303d impaired waters list and what constitutes as an impaired water. Pollutant loads from urban and rural areas are discussed and the concerns for the future of the watershed.

The best management practices necessary to aid in the load reduction targets were discussed in the meeting by Tyler, and the possible points of nonpoint source pollution. The agricultural impact of nonpoint source pollution is made apparent, as well as the means to mitigate the points of interest. Tyler discussed with the planning partners about the estimated 42 million needed for the project to be completed in its entirety. Tyler spoke about the sources of funding and the ways that the planning partners can prepare for funding sources. Public education demonstrations and meetings have been held in previous meetings and events to raise awareness and to educate the public and partners of their impact on their watershed.

The timeline of the watershed-based plan is set for a two-year implementation schedule for funding of the plan. The best management practices necessary are discussed by Tyler and explained for the use and placement of the BMPs, such as cover crops and no till areas in agricultural settings. The interim milestones were discussed within this meeting and the importance of following the milestones for the best outcome of funding and of successful mitigation for the plan.

Mr. Carpenter discussed the remaining timeline of the Western Crab Orchard Creek watershed-Based Plan and the expectations of the planning committee and of Greater Egypt.

Meeting adjourned.