



Planning Committee Meeting - Minutes

March 14, 2022 10:00AM
Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

In attendance

Brooke Hagarty, Soil Scientist/Hydrologist - *Shawnee National Forest*
Gary Raines, Senior Project Manager - *HMG Engineers*
Scott Wilmoth, Manager - *Kinkaid -Reed's Creek Conservancy District*
Taryn Cheshnek - *Jackson County Farm Bureau*

Staff Present

Kelsey Bowe - *Planner*
Raye Fields - *Planner*
Gabrielle Reed - *Planner*

Greater Egypt Introduction

- Gabrielle Reed with Greater Egypt discussed a review of the planning components for the Kinkaid Creek Watershed-based Plan. Completed elements for the Plan include elements A-E. Gabrielle stressed that public involvement and more outreach program ideas should be included before the Plan is finalized. Pollutant load estimates and waterbody assessments were summarized. Gully data from the US Forest Service was displayed, severe gullies will be included in proposed BMPs. Past projects completed by HMG Engineers were highlighted. Gabrielle reminded partners that we are still accepting BMP ideas until the end of March. Gabrielle highlighted the remaining elements to be completed as follows:
 - Element F. Schedule for implementing the nonpoint source management measures identified in this plan that is reasonably expeditious.
 - Element G. A description of interim measurable milestones for determining whether nonpoint source management measures or other control actions are being implemented.
 - Element H. A set of criteria that can be used to determine whether loading reductions are being achieved over time and substantial progress is being made toward attaining water quality standards.
 - Element I. A monitoring component to evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation efforts over time, measured against the criteria established under element h.

- ❖ BMP submissions will be due March 31st, 2022
- ❖ Detailed information regarding the watershed-based plan can be found in the Kinkaid Creek Inventory and Assessment found on our website: <http://greateregypt.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/KINKAID-WBP-INVENTORY.pdf>.

Discussion

- Gary Raines and Scott Wilmouth mentioned concerns in affordability of BMP implementation, stating that the 319 cost-match is the biggest hurdle.
 - Kelsey and Gabrielle mentioned IEPA 604(b) grants can be used to develop BMP engineering plans, these grants do not come with a cost match and can be used before applying to a 319 for implementation.
 - Unfortunately, 319 grants do come with a 40% cost match that cannot be used in tandem with other federal funds. State programs, private donations, and project partner work may be used as match. If state grants are used, the scope of work must also comply with that defined in the 319 program.
- Brooke Hagarty mentioned the Forest Service has a Watershed Restoration Action Plan with a list of “essential projects” to be completed. Associated data will be sent to Greater Egypt to include in the Watershed-based Plan.

The meeting was adjourned.