

**Wildcat Creek – Stahl Ditch/Kitty Run Watershed Management Plan
Steering Committee Meeting**

3-4 pm Thursday, May 25, 2006
Kokomo – Howard County Plan Commission Conference Room
120 E. Mulberry St., Suite 114 in Kokomo, Indiana

Meeting Summary

Members Present:

Glen Boise, WCWA and Kokomo-Howard County Plan Commission
Mike Karickhoff, Kokomo City Council
Greg Lake, Howard County Surveyor's Office
Paul Raver, Howard County Commissioner
Ryan Smith, Indiana American Water

Others Present:

Zach Bishton, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd
Garry Hill, Wildcat Guardians

1. Welcome and Introduction of Steering Committee Members

Each member introduced themselves, a sign-in sheet was routed and each member was asked to sign-in and record their mileage for the required in-kind match.

2. Review of Urban Water Quality Issues and Critical Areas

Zach began by briefly summarizing some of the water quality issues that have been discussed to date. The issues identified to date include but are not limited to:

- Land Use Planning
- Stormwater and Erosion Control & Storm Water Phase II
- Streambank Erosion
- Log Jams
- Low Head Dams
- Illegal Dumping
- Flooding and Floodplain Management

3. Discuss Urban Recommendations and Management Measures

The purpose of the meeting was to begin discussing and prioritizing management measures designed to protect, enhance, or mitigate, water resource issues in the watershed. The following management measures were discussed and ranked as high, medium, or low priorities.

LAND USE PLANNING/ZONING

Priority	Proposed Mitigation Project
High	Revise City/County Zoning Ordinances in order to better manage future and existing land uses adjacent to waterways.
Medium	Develop a greenways plan to help maintain and preserve a healthy riparian buffer systems along portions of Wildcat Creek.
High	Work with the Parks Department to protect and enhance stream banks along Forest Park and other publicly maintained lands.
High	Continue to use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) as a tool to assist with managing future land use decisions.

STORMWATER/EROSION CONTROL

Priority	Proposed Mitigation Project
High	Develop and implement an erosion and sediment control workshop for the local development and construction community.
High	Improve water quality and quantity management by promoting urban, suburban, and rural stormwater treatment practices (bio-retention basins, rain gardens, constructed wetlands, etc).

STREAMBANK EROSION, LOG JAMS, AND LOW HEAD DAMS

Priority	Proposed Mitigation Project
High	Evaluate identified log jams and prioritize areas for removal.
High	Evaluate identified stream bank erosion problems and prioritize problems for remediation.
High	Evaluate streamside locations commonly used as illegal dumping grounds and prioritize areas for remediation.
High	Research and investigate the feasibility of removing the low-head dams along Kokomo and Wildcat Creek.
High	Investigate the feasibility of establishing a maintenance program to regularly inspect and monitor stream corridors.

BASIN MONITORING

Priority	Proposed Management Measure
Low	Develop a water quality monitoring regime to document long term water quality trends in the watershed.
High	Maintain the number of gauging stations recording flow data.

FLOODING

Priority	Proposed Management Measure
High	Provide the public with educational information on Flood Hazard Mitigation, Floodplain Management, and National Flood Insurance Program information.
Low	Conduct detailed flood studies of all unstudied stream reaches in the Wildcat Creek Stahl Ditch – Kitty Run Watershed.
High	Incorporate water quality BMPs into future flood control projects designed and implemented in the watershed.

4. Confirm Next Steering Committee Meeting Date (July 27, 2006)

The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2006 at 3:00pm in the Kokomo-Howard County Plan Commission Conference Room.

5. Adjourn