

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

3-4 pm Thursday, November 10, 2005
Kokomo – Howard County Plan Commission Conference Room
120 E. Mulberry St., Suite 114 in Kokomo, Indiana

Meeting Summary

Members Present:

Michelle Arvin, Howard county Health Department
Glen Boise, WCWA and Kokomo-Howard County Plan Commission
Mike Karickhoff, Kokomo City Council
Donald Cree, City of Kokomo Engineering Department

Others Present:

Zach Bishton, Christopher Burke Engineering, Ltd

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 Human and Animal Waste Issues

A handout was distributed which included the potential human and animal waste recommendations and management strategies that were discussed at the September meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss how these management measures could be implemented within the watersheds.

3. Discuss Potential Human and Animal Waste Recommendations and Projects

- **Develop and implement an education and outreach campaign focusing on septic system operation and maintenance.**
 - Continue to distribute educational brochures on septic system operation and maintenance with all newly issued permits.
 - Develop a targeted mailing campaign, which focuses on providing brochures and other educational materials to landowners in subdivisions suspected of having septic system problems.
 - Conduct an educational workshop focusing on septic system operation and maintenance.

- **Explore the possibility of developing a County Wide Septic Maintenance District.**
 - Research challenges and success that other groups have had with establishing County Wide Septic Maintenance Districts.
 - Consider utilizing Taylor Township regional sewer district as a clearinghouse through which such a project could be managed.

- **Develop an alternative wastewater treatment demonstration project.**
 - Research potential funding opportunities available for conducting such a project. Once funding mechanisms are understood, more detailed action strategies can be discussed.

Mike suggested and those present agreed that a County Commissioner or County Council Representative should be made aware of the watershed project, be invited to Steering Committee Meetings, and be copied on important correspondence related to the project. Zach agreed to coordinate with Glen on contacting a County official.

Issues related to human and animal waste will need to be discussed again at future meetings, and it will be important to ensure that a County official is a part of those discussions.

4. Set Next Steering Committee Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for January 26, 2006 at 3:00pm.

5. Adjourn