

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

3-4 pm Thursday, July 28, 2005
Kokomo – Howard County Plan Commission Conference Room
120 E. Mulberry St., Suite 114 in Kokomo, Indiana

MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present:

Glen Boise, WCWA & Kokomo-Howard County Plan Commission
Mike Karickhoff, Kokomo City Council
Greg Lake, Howard County Surveyor's Office
Ryan Smith, Indiana American Water Company
Carey Stranahan, Kokomo Engineering

Others Present:

Zach Bishton, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (CBBEL)
Calvin Hartman, Howard County SWCD
Sheila McKinley, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (CBBEL)

1. Welcome and introduction of Steering Committee members

Sheila McKinley started the meeting by giving a brief overview of the purpose of the planning process. Each member introduced themselves and provided a brief background. 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 row crop and pasture land issues

Zach Bishton gave an overview of row crop and pasture land issues discussed at the previous meeting, and gave an overview of the water quality problems that are indicative of agricultural land uses. Those issues included:

- Elevated concentrations of *E.coli* have been documented throughout both the Stahl Ditch and Kitty Run Watersheds.
- Elevated concentrations of nutrients have been documented throughout both the Stahl Ditch and Kitty Run Watersheds.

Zach also mentioned that he had an opportunity to meet with Donald Cree of the Howard County SWCD and that they identified all land enrolled in conservation practices within both watersheds.

3. Discussion on agricultural recommendations and implementation projects

A spread sheet was distributed to all Steering Committee members identifying potential agricultural implementation projects for inclusion in the Watershed Management Plan. The following five management measures were discussed in detail:

- Increase nutrient and pest management practices among crop producers within the watersheds.

- Increase the number of acres in no-till or mulch till practices within the watersheds.
- Improve pasture management techniques including rotational grazing and fencing livestock from waterways.
- Promote the implementation of drainage water management practices on agricultural lands within the watersheds.

The attached detailed spreadsheet summarizes the management measures, action plans, and local resources associated with each of the five management measures discussed above.

4. Set next Steering Committee meeting date

Members of the Steering Committee agreed to meet next on September 22nd from 3-4 pm at the Kokomo-Howard County Plan Commission office. The next meeting will focus on urban issues and the impacts that human and pet waste have on water quality.

5. Adjourn