

Cane Run Watershed Council Meeting

May 13, 2013 at the Lexmark Shady Brook Park, Lexington, KY

Attendance:

Kylie Schmidt	Cindy King
Amanda Gumbert	Susan Byars
Frank Whitehouse	Bill Varble
Steve Higgins	Ben Krebs
Jim Rebmann	Earl Smith
Ernest Collins	Mark York
Russ Turpin	Ashley Osborne
Schuyler Warren	

Start at 6:05

Rain Garden Workshop (Presented by: Ashley Osborne—UK Coop Extension Agent)

- June 4th, Rain Garden Workshop from 9am-4pm
- Register, for free, with Fayette County Cooperative Extension Office
- Morning will be classroom instruction
- Possibility of free breakfast, lunch, or snacks
 - Request for Friends of Cane Run (FOCR) to pay for lunch
 - Discussion of FOCR resources
 1. Money is in account (~\$1,300), but need to determine most beneficial way to spend it
 2. Officers present agreed it was okay to pay for lunches
- In the afternoon, participants will meet at Horse Park to plant the rain garden

Horse Park (Presented by: Steve Higgins—UK)

- Handout of photos provided by UK
- Muck is being stored, uncovered, at the end of horse stables and rain is washing muck down drains
 - 40 x 40 foot covered structure has been built, but roof hasn't been installed because this is the busy season for the Horse Park (construction would disturb horses)
 - Roof will be added before the end of the summer

- Mounting “No Muck Dumping” signs at end of stables to encourage use of new muck storage structure
- There is a lot of wasteful water usage—hosing concrete and horses (water is supposed to be used for drinking water for horses)
 - Mounting signs above water spigot to encourage conservative water usage
- Mounting educational signage for rain gardens and bioswales explaining these best management practices (BMPs)
- Fencing off the stream from horses
 - Have designs for fencing horses out of streams and for plantings
- Going to dredge pond soon
 - Sand from arenas is washing into pond and settling—approximately 4 feet of sludge at the bottom of the pond.
- Collaborated with Department of Transportation to create an interface along stream between the Horse Park and I-75
- Plans to build a settling basin in parking lot to filter gravel from entering bioswale
- Division of Water has asked that most of the money be spent at the Horse Park because educational signage will be seen by more people

UK Farm (Presented by: Steve Higgins—UK)

- Division of Water has encouraged us to use grant money on UK’s farm also
 - Can use for demonstrations of BMPs give tours, etc.
- No mow zones have been delineated around the streams to create a riparian buffer
 - Signs with birdhouses on top designate these area
 - Trees will also be planted in this area
- Fencing off stream from horses
 - Establishing a dry lot
 - Geotextile fabric and gravel has already been put down
- Cane Run Implementation Project ends in December
 - Planning to seek additional funding to continue project

Scott County (Presented by: Earl Smith – Scott Co Planning Commission)

- Every city or county must update Comprehensive Plan (CP) every 5 years
 - The CP will include considerations for the US-25 Corridor, which includes Cane Run Watershed
 - Trying to determine future land use
 - Look for areas to establish BMPs
 - Looking at feasibility of lengthening Legacy Trail from Horse Park to Georgetown
 - Looking at ways to improve sewer and transportation system

- Want to preserve agricultural space
 - Want this CP to be a model for the rest of Scott County
- Had 2 public meetings in trailer park near stream
 - Had Spanish translator
 - Notified everyone in watershed of meeting but had very low turn-out
 - Next meeting is June 4th, at Grace Christian Center, from 6-8pm

North Limestone Storm Water Project Update (Presented by: Russ Turpin - EcoGro)

- Received a Class B stormwater grant from LFUCG for Embrace Church
 - Establishing green pavement
 - Upgrade vegetation on the bioretention structure

Green Acres Update (Presented by: Ben Krebs—LFUCG)

- Bought all but 3 properties along tributary, adjacent to Green Acres park
- Established 2 water filtration units to collect trash—working well, have been emptied twice since September
- LFUCG will receive bids in July for Sanitary Sewer and Stream Rehab project in Green Acres, including the park, changing 15 in. sanitary sewer line to 18 in. to help abate overflows
- Stream Rehab will include bank stabilization, planting native vegetation along stream banks (all work to be contracted labor)
- If get Corps approval for bank restoration, work will start in September and hopefully finish in December

Education and Outreach Plans (group discussion)

- Rain Garden Workshop in June
- Riparian tour of Horse Park in June
- Possibly do “stream walks” with neighborhood associations
- Green Acres plans to do educational signage
- Continue working with high schools on Cane Run Watershed projects
- Continue restoration effort in Coldstream
- Want to do an ice cream social for neighborhoods in watershed to build awareness
- Possibly do an outreach program at the Horse Park
- Have permission from landowner in Georgetown to show farm’s conservation practices to other rural farmers
- Lexmark

- Some of UK's Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering students have built a model for skimming trash off the top of the stream—going to be established at Lexmark—could be used for education

Other

- Next meeting will announced through the listserv

Adjourned at 7:30