

Cane Run Watershed Council Meeting  
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Charlie Denham – Spindletop  
Joe Taraba  
Jim Roe – KDOW  
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- Overview and goal of council
  - The goal of the council is to facilitate community input and involvement in the Cane Run watershed.
- Map of watershed handout
- Existing activities in the watershed
  - Cane Run Watershed Project – Steve Workman (Watershed Planning Process handout; Cane Run and Royal Spring Watershed Based Plan; handout with data on rainfall, water flow at Berea Rd location, flow at Gtown Water Trt Plant)
    - Funded to develop a watershed based plan
    - Important area where Cane Run and I-75 intersect
    - Developing TMDL on the Cane Run
    - Pathogen sources, nutrient sources are present

- Put in additional monitoring stations to identify these sources of pollution
- Implement best management practices (BMPs)
- Ask council to edit, add to this draft form
- Final plan will be revised and sent to KY Division of Water around Feb 2008
- Linkage of conduits between sinkholes, Gtown Water Treatment Plant and base flow
- Need to increase pervious areas in urban areas: rain gardens, etc.
- Watershed Based Plan Project ends 2010
- Cane Run Watershed-based plan implementation project runs through 2013 – taking watershed based plan and implementing it
- Map – stream area with sink locations generally runs dry large majority of the time
- Discussion of Cane Run becoming a perennial stream – never will become a perennial stream – but hopefully will run longer than is currently
- Lexington mayor is supportive of project
- Green Acres Neighborhood Project - Sandy Camargo with CDP Engineers - trash issue – addressing floatables in all stormwater drains - Green Acres (pg 23 of watershed based plan) is around headwaters of the watershed
- Friends of Cane Run (Ken Cooke) – nonprofit corporation that provides voice for citizen input – working with farmers and neighbors – have a board of trustees – have some funding from KY River Authority - to be a member just contact Ken Cooke (secretary of organization) – had a well attended pathogen roundtable funded by KY River Authority – have funding to do 3 additional more roundtables – Susan Byars is hoping to have a testing workshop to encourage volunteer monitoring – Friends of Cane Run can be advocates
- Gtown resolution that got passed is currently being reconsidered – Friends of Cane Run may want to look into
- Bluegrass Partnership for a Green Community (BGP GC) – Water and Stormwater Team – Overview of partnership and team – partnership was originally LFUCG, UK, and FCPS, however now partnership has grown greatly – goal is to green up Lex/Fayette area
- BGP GC Water Team – hosted watershed summit; watershed signs that will be placed in city parks – chose not to become exclusively part of Cane Run Watershed Council but to serve all watersheds in BG area

The meeting was then opened up to discussion from attendees. Subjects included:

- KY Ag Water Quality Plan – what is the compliance in the watershed in regards to farms, etc.? Can we focus efforts in the watershed to develop and implement KY Ag Water Quality Plans?
- Groundwater Protection Plans (regulatory requirement) – doing outreach in area, listing do's and don'ts, especially for homeowners with septic systems

- New landowners are not familiar with Ag Water Quality Plan and Groundwater Protection Plans – need to re-educate
- Master Plan created by parks dept – council could speak with elected officials about status of Coldstream Master Plan proposed in 1999 – included backwater basins, etc.
- Coldstream Park (3 miles of stream at park) – getting ready to implement another phase of plan to increase natives, will consider other opportunities if funding is found/avail.
- Two school groups working on parks with community-based science group at Tracy Farmer Center for the Environment
  - Students are going to develop design for Hisel Park
  - Cindy Dietz, Joe Howell are contact people with parks and helping teach students how to assess park features, etc.
  - Could make community-based project with Coldstream park with students from schools in the Cane Run watershed
- 2010 World Equestrian Games – discussion of septic issues, and other environmental impacts
  - BPGGC is working with Horse Park, EPA, and FEI on this issue (recycling is a working goal of group)
  - Discussion of septic (portable pots) – will be horse park’s responsibilities
- Northern Fayette County sewer issues
- Sanitary sewer overflows are primary issue being discussed with consent decree
- Stormwater issues with horse park for 2010 games and currently
- Trailer Park in Fayette/Scott County
- Sanitary Sewer Outflows are major issue
- Consent Decree – council should review when it is released
- Group should look at the Consent Decree
- Plan should challenge city to reduction of sanitary sewer overflows
- Roundtable discussing overflow with sanitary sewers – panel with Rod Chervus, others from LFUCG sanitary sewers group
- UK student group/Earth Days in the Bluegrass – interested at water panel discussion - Lexington water issues, stormwater issues, rain gardens
- Could possibly bring students and roundtable together on campus?
- Ken – specific review of sanitary sewers in Fayette County at roundtable – contacts Charlie Martin and Rod C. – council could react by getting behind certain reduction suggestions – have opportunity to educate both sides (government and citizens)
- Gainesway Pond Project – urban wetland pond installation – will be million dollar pond (Dave G)
- Amount of trash received in Cane Run and tributaries is big issues
- Invasive species – also big issue
- Lexmark area basically had no wildlife but now wildlife is beginning to come back after their efforts to clean up the creek area
- Lexmark has discussed rain gardens, parking lot - impervious surface issues
- Are all areas along Cane Run private land??? – Answer: no, there are publicly owned areas. For example, Coldstream Park is passive recreational space – in process of putting in trails and greenway areas

- Lexmark has been approached about greenway
- UK-COA has money allocated to put in a greenway –walking/bike path area
- Amanda will set up list serve for email communication among members of the watershed council
- Please add names/contact info of other interested people for the council

Meeting schedule – Amanda will send email out with potential dates for next meeting

Homework: Review watershed-based plan and send comments to Amanda ([Amanda.gumbert@uky.edu](mailto:Amanda.gumbert@uky.edu)) .