



**Upper White River Watershed Alliance (UWRWA)
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday May 7th, 2012
Train Station Meeting Room
Fishers Train Station
11601 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

A. Introductions & Welcome

Sheila McKinley (CBBEL) welcomed everyone to the meeting. The following attendees introduced themselves: Tim Stottlemyer (Noblesville), Hannah Vargason (CILTI), John South (Hamilton County), Jim Schneider (Morse Waterways), Alejandrka Vagunas (w/Purpose), Shaena Reinhart (Empower Results), Lisa Bihl (Empower Results), and John Thomas (Carmel).

B. Overview of the 319 Grant

Lisa Bihl provided an overview of the 3-year 319 grant that makes approximately \$290,000 (plus 40% in-kind or cash match) available for implementing water quality best management practices (BMPs) in the critical areas in Cicero Creek, Cool Creek, Lower Fall Creek, Stony Creek, and Geist Reservoir/Fall Creek watershed management plans. Lisa distributed a map showing the consolidated critical areas and a list of BMPs listed in each of these watershed management plans. Lisa clarified that projects must be within the critical areas but not restricted to the BMPs listed.

C. Establish Criteria and Ranking for Implementation Projects

Lisa explained that the Committee has been tasked with:

- preparing the questions for the cost-share application
- establishing the ranking to score applications
- compile a list of BMPs
- assign a cost-share cap for BMP and/or project
- rank applications received and forward recommended projects to the Board for funding

The Committee discussed a reasonable timeline for developing the cost-share application and reviewing applications received.

- May – draft cost-share application reviewed by the Technical Committee by the end of the month
- June – meet as a Committee to finalize the application and forward to Board for review and comment: work with the UWRWA Education Committee to publicize that the cost-share application will be available soon
- July – forward draft application to IDEM for approval; distribute application
- September – review first round of applications and recommend projects to the Board in time for recipients to be announced at UWRWA River Festival
- Quarterly through Fall 2014 – review applications

Sheila led a discussion with the Committee to determine the types of questions and ranking for the 319 cost-share application. The following summarizes this discussion:

LOCATION CRITERIA	RANKING
1. In a Critical Area	Y/N
2. Eligibility (319, Regulated Drain, MS4, HOA)	Y/N
3. Proximity to water (map, connection)	Scale
4. Drainage Area (existing conditions, land use, project footprint)	Scale
5. Part of a Treatment Train (proximity to other practices)	Scale
6. Project Ownership (donation, easement, management agreement)	Scale
7. Visibility to Public	Scale or Y/N
8. Accessibility to Public	Y/N

IMPACT CRITERIA	RANKING
1. Educational Value (visible, accessible, demonstration, monitoring)	Scale
2. Water Quality/Quantity Benefit (runoff reduction, treat pollutants)	Y/N
3. Part of larger Project/Plan	Y/N
4. Wildlife Habitat (native plants, connectivity)	Scale
5. Restoration/Retrofit	Scale
6. Other Benefits (quality of life, open space, urban heat island)	Scale
7. Land Use Change (reduce impervious cover)	Scale

D. Review 2012 Work Plan

Shaena Reinhart distributed the 2012 Work Plan that the Board assembled at a recent retreat. The first item couple items listed on the Work Plan focus on the cost-share materials for the 319 grant program.

E. Future Business

No future business was discussed at this meeting.

F. Next Meeting Date and Location

The next Technical Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10am-12pm on Tuesday, June 12th. At this meeting we will finalize the cost-share application and run through one or more theoretical examples in an attempt to work out any bugs.

G. Adjourn

Sheila thanked everyone for participating in the meeting and reminded the Committee to check their email toward the end of May for a draft cost-share application.