



In order to give citizens who are interested in the 2008 update to the Aux Sable Creek Watershed Plan an opportunity to meet with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency staff and local project partners to discuss the draft plan we are holding ...



Public Meetings with Availability Sessions

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2009

Times: 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The meeting will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m.

The presentations and associated information provided during the 1:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. public meetings will be the same. Two public meetings are being held to allow for limited meeting space. In addition, two separate public meetings allow for some flexibility in scheduling for attendees. This allows those whose professions are directly related to the implementation of the watershed plan to attend during normal business hours, and others to attend after work.

Location: Kendall County Historic Courthouse
110 West Madison Street, Yorkville

Sponsor: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Format: The public meetings will begin promptly at their designated times of 1:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Each public meeting will consist of presentations that provide an overview of the Illinois EPA 319 program, watershed planning and the Aux Sable Creek Watershed Management Plan. Following the presentations, the meeting will move directly into a public availability session.

The public availability session will have an open house format so that citizens can discuss issues of concern one-on-one with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency representatives. The public availability sessions will end promptly at their designated times of 3:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Background: Nonpoint Source Pollution Control grants, also known as Section 319 grants, are available to implement corrective or preventative projects or develop public education programs about nonpoint source pollution. Nonpoint source pollution occurs when water run-off picks up pollutants and carries the pollutants to lakes, rivers, and groundwater. In February 2007, Illinois EPA approved a Section 319 grant to The Conservation Foundation to facilitate the development of a watershed management plan for the Aux Sable Creek watershed.

Information: The public is encouraged to review the draft watershed plan and related documents online at www.auxsablecreekwatershed.org. The information is also available for review at the following locations:

Yorkville Public Library
902 Game Farm Road
Yorkville, Illinois 60560

Oswego Public Library
32 W Jefferson St
Oswego, IL 60543

Three Rivers Public Library
Main Library (Channahon)
25207 W Channon Drive
Channahon, IL 60410

Three Rivers Public Library
Minooka Branch
109 N Wabena
Minooka, IL 60447

Comments: The comment period begins on December 29, 2008, with the distribution of this flier and posting of this announcement on the Illinois EPA website. You are encouraged to submit written comments. All written comments will be added as an addendum to the watershed plan.

Written comments must be e-mailed or postmarked before midnight on January 29, 2009 and should be sent to: Tammy Mitchell, Illinois EPA, Community Relations#5, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276, Tammy.Mitchell@Illinois.gov.

Petitions and form letters are not effective. The public meeting and comment period are not a referendum on the watershed plan. Illinois EPA encourages comments that address each individual's approval or concern related to the watershed plan.

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