The inaugural meeting of the Spring Lake Stormwater Integrated Assessment Project Stakeholder Steering Committee convened on Wednesday, March 19th at the Spring Lake Library. Alan Steinman, the Director of GVSU’s Annis Water Resources Institute and the Principal Investigator on this project welcomed the participants. After introductions, Elaine Sterrett Isely, Project Manager, provided a brief overview of the project’s background, goals and proposed tasks, including the stakeholder process and the proposed role of the Stakeholder Steering Committee.
The participants then broke up into groups to discuss the following questions:

1. What are current stormwater topics/areas of concern?
2. Do you have any ideas for a name/identifier for this project?
3. Do you have any ideas about a public meeting to discuss stormwater and this project (dates, format)?
4. What is the best way for the Project Team to provide the Stakeholder Steering Committee with information?

1. **Stormwater topics/areas of concern**

   How many outfalls?
   - More visible because of low water
   - Recent study by Drain Commissioner

   Do new developments have oil separators?
   Investigation of illicit connections?
   Recognize importance of diffuse sources.

   M-104
   Park Street on Grand River (south end)
   School Street – near Industry
   Norris Creek/Fruitport
   Dead end streets
   Brownfield redevelopments/contaminated areas
   Residential tools
   Golf courses
   County-wide “no phosphorus” fertilizer requirement, without the additional requirement of a soil test
   Riparian buffers
   Pretreatment
   Stakeholder involvement
   Public education: “you live in a watershed”
   Ordinance: Low Impact Development (LID)/how to . . .

2. **Project Name**

   Current project name: Spring Lake Stormwater Integrated Assessment (SLSWIA)
   CORE²
   Runoff Reform
   Help the Storm Perform
   Reign in the Runoff

   Possible graphics:
   - Grand River plume photo
   - Rain Garden photo (dirty water in/clean out)
3. Public Meeting

Spring Lake Heritage Festival (both groups suggested this event) – June 17-21 (Michelle, Carlson Wagonlit Travel (616) 846-6420)
  • ½ marathon “Runoff Run” around Spring Lake
  • Wednesday night event

Memorial Day Parade Float (Michelle, Carlson Wagonlit Travel (616) 846-6420)
  • Environmental-theme to promote awareness
  • Angus? – pull kids tubing

CCC, Concert in the Park (?)

First “traditional” public in May with awareness/promotion event later in the year?
  • Not on a Monday or Tuesday

Excellence in Education meeting (students/parents/teachers)

Water Quality week
  • Drinking Water Week – May 4-10th (American Water Works Association: http://www.awwa.org/Government/Content.cfm?ItemNumber=3862&navItemNumber=3863)
  • Michigan Water Quality Awareness Week – May 4-10th (http://michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-23442_25488_47946-185649--00.html)

Crew races

Wooden Boat show – June 7th @ Marina Bay (Mark Miller (616) 842-1312 or marksattic@charter.net)

Arbor Day – April 25th

4. Communications

Both breakout groups liked the current meeting format for the Stakeholder Steering Committee. Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Spring Lake Library is a good time (planning around Village/Township regular meetings, e.g., the Planning Commission).

The Project website will be updated, and cross-linked with GVSU, Michigan Sea Grant, and the participating municipalities and organizations.

The project team will meet to review the Stakeholder Steering Committee’s recommendations and ideas. The next meeting of the Stakeholder Steering Committee will be scheduled in May or June, depending on the date selected for the public meeting.

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