

## **REIN IN THE RUNOFF**

### **Alternative Stormwater Management Practices that Address the Environmental, Social, and Economic Aspects of Water Resources in Spring Lake Township and Village**

#### **Stakeholder Steering Committee Meeting**

**January 27, 2009, 7:00 p.m.**

Spring Lake District Library  
123 E. Exchange Street, Spring Lake, MI

#### **Meeting Notes**

Project Team Attendees: Elaine Sterrett Isely, Annis Water Resources Institute (GVSU)  
Paul Isely, Seidman College of Business (GVSU)  
Tim Penning, Department of Communications (GVSU)  
Lisa Huntington, Environmental Consulting & Technology

Stakeholder Attendees: Josh Carlisle  
Ryan Cotton, Village of Spring Lake  
Joseph Moore, Spring Lake Country Club  
Jessica O'Donnell, Wetlands Detectives, Spring Lake Intermediate  
Elizabeth Wheeler, Village of Spring Lake Planning Commission

Project Manager, Elaine Sterrett Isely, provided an overview of the Rein in the Runoff of project, including stakeholder and technical accomplishments to date. She reminded the group that the project team needed assistance distributing the project flyer and the Water Quality Survey, a key component of the project being stakeholder input and information. Participants agreed to include Rein in the Runoff information in upcoming newsletters. It was noted that the new "comments section" of the website be highlighted.

After the presentation, the participants engaged in a general discussion about the following items:

1. Identify sites needing protection or stormwater management: Jessica O'Donnell will take the Wetlands Detectives into the field to help with this task; however, they will need a much more detailed description about what potential sites should look like. She suggested a descriptive picture slide show for presentations and the website. Lisa Huntington agreed to develop a list of what to look for.
2. Application of BMPs (best management practices): There was a lot of discussion about different BMPs and their potential benefits and costs. An "adopt-a-raingarden" program was suggested for ongoing raingarden maintenance and upkeep. Ryan Cotton requested information about other communities who have actually seen environmental quality

improvements from various BMPs and/or LID practices; he also was interested in information about potential funding for such projects.

3. Identify population growth rates and development constraints
4. Identify upcoming meetings and events for presentations about the Rein in the Runoff project: the Wetlands Detectives begin meeting in March and April; Rotary is often looking for speakers and presenters.

The project team will continue working on the project draft report, which will be circulated for comment later this Spring. The next Stakeholder Steering Committee meeting would be scheduled in April – however the group agreed that participation in Earth Day events would reach more people than a formal meeting.

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