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Wetlands, Wildlife Habitat, and Flood Hazards in the Rock River Basin

A workshop to identify opportunities to protect vital wetland and wildlife habitat and promote resilience to flooding in the Rock River Basin through greater interagency coordination

Friday, May 13, 2011

Lake Mills Community Center

Workshop Agenda

Workshop Description:

The Workshop is designed to facilitate greater collaboration between hazard and emergency managers, floodplain managers, land use planners, and wetland and wildlife conservation managers to strengthen protection of vital wetlands and floodplains. The workshop will explore how agencies and organizations can work effectively together to meet multiple goals and identify the information needed and funding sources available for joint projects.

Objectives:

- Increase awareness among hazard and emergency managers, floodplain managers, land use planners, and wetland and wildlife managers about each others' work, and where their work overlaps;
- Identify the obstacles to collaboration among hazard and emergency managers, floodplain managers, land use planners, and wetland and wildlife managers; and
- Identify opportunities for collaboration and the information needed and funding sources available for joint projects.

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- 8:30 am REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST
- 9:00 – 9:15 **Welcome & Introductions**
- Erin O'Brien, Wisconsin Wetlands Association
- 9:15 – 9:45 **Project Goals and Survey Results**
- Rebecca Kihlslinger, Environmental Law Institute
 - David Salvesen, UNC Institute for the Environment
- 9:45 – 10:15 **Physical Overlap of Habitat and Hazard Zones in the Rock River Basin**
- Tom Bernthal, Wetland Ecologist, WI DNR
 - Peter Zambito, UNC Institute for the Environment
- 10:15 – 10:30 BREAK
- 10:30 – 11:45 **What We Do: Hazard mitigation, wetlands protection and wildlife management, floodplain management, and community planning**
- Roxanne Gray, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, WI Emergency Management
 - Doug Fendry, Area Wildlife Supervisor, WI DNR
 - Dave Fowler, Floodplain Manager, ASFPM
 - Jason Fruth, Planning and Zoning Manager, Waukesha County
- 11:45 – 12:30 pm LUNCH
- 12:30 – 1:30 **Break-out Session 1 – Examples of Successful Collaboration and Obstacles to Collaboration**
- David Salvesen, *Survey Results – Obstacles to Collaboration*
 - Rebecca Kihlslinger, *Break-Out Instructions and Desired Outcomes*
 - Rebecca Kihlslinger, David Salvesen, Peter Zambito, *Facilitators*
- Desired Outcomes:*
- Identify previous examples of successful collaboration among hazard and emergency managers, floodplain managers, land use planners, and wetland and wildlife managers to yield multiple benefits in the Basin.
 - Identify the obstacles to collaboration among hazard and emergency managers, floodplain managers, land use planners, and wetland and wildlife managers.
- 1:30 – 2:15 **Report Back**
- David Salvesen, *Facilitator*
- Discussion Questions:*
What are the keys to success?
What are the major obstacles to collaboration?

2:15 – 2:45

BREAK

2:45 – 3:45

Break-out Session 2 – Overcoming Obstacles

- David Salvesen, *Survey Results – Overcoming Obstacles to Collaboration*
- Rebecca Kihslinger, *Break-Out Instructions and Desired Outcomes*
- Rebecca Kihslinger, David Salvesen, Peter Zambito, *Facilitators*

Desired Outcomes:

- Identify opportunities to overcome obstacles to collaboration among hazard and emergency managers, floodplain managers, land use planners, and wetland and wildlife managers in the Rock River Basin.
- Identify the information needed for joint projects.
- Identify the funding sources available for joint projects.

3:45 – 4:30

Report Back

- David Salvesen, *Facilitator*

Discussion Questions:

How can obstacles to collaboration be overcome?

What are the opportunities for collaborating across disciplines?

What is the key information needed?

What are the most promising sources of funding?

4:30 – 5:00

Recommendations and Next-Steps

- Scott Taylor, Rock River Coalition
- Rebecca Kihslinger, Environmental Law Institute

Discussion Questions:

Where do we go from here?

Should we continue the collaboration started at the Workshop?

How do we continue the collaboration?

5:00 pm

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