

Appendix 20

Public Meetings



Public meetings were held during the creation of the Little Calumet River Watershed Management Plan in order to get continued public input. The first was held on Thursday, March 1, 2007 at the Indiana University Northwest Library Conference Center. The flyer that was created to invite the public is located in this appendix. A newspaper article was also printed and can be found after the flyer. From this meeting public comments were made and can be found as part of the Little Calumet River Watershed Concern or Issue. An email was also sent out by a local citizen that could not attend the meetings and is included in this section. A public survey was completed by those in attendance along with a questionnaire as to what should be focused as part of the report.

A final public meeting was held on March 13, 2008 in order to present the findings of the committee to the public. A flyer was once again used to promote the attendance of the public. The sign-in sheets listing those that attended the meeting can be found in this appendix after the public advertisement flyer. Two local newspapers also summarized the results of the plans in articles. These two articles can be found at the end of this appendix.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO A PUBLIC MEETING
on the LITTLE CALUMET RIVER (Western Branch)**



**HELP PLAN FOR
FUTURE
IMPROVEMENTS**

to

**WATER QUALITY,
NATURAL
RESOURCES,
RECREATION, &
PUBLIC ACCESS**

The Gary Storm Water Management District (GSWMD) has received a Watershed Planning Grant from the Indiana Department Environmental Management (IDEM) to develop a Watershed Management Plan for the Western Branch of the Little Calumet River. The purpose of this planning initiative is to identify water quality problems and other river related concerns and develop solutions through a process of public outreach, education, and involvement. For more information contact Dorreen Carey, Director, City of Gary Environmental Affairs Department at 219 882 3000, or Luci Horton, Director, Gary Storm Water Management District at 219 944 0595.

PLEASE ATTEND - YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

DATE: Thursday, March 1, 2007

TIME: 6 pm

**LOCATION: Indiana University Northwest
Library Conference Center**

LOCAL

Contact Doree Hayes, Metro Editor, at home 878-0100, cell 941-1411, Kate e Carlson, Metro Lake Editor, at Carlson@post-trib.com, 841-4133, or fax Carlson, Metro Editor, Editor Hayes@post-trib.com, 878-6031.

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Wednesday, February 28, 2007

Cleaner Little Cal focus of gatherings

Meeting at ITN on Thursday aims at creating plan, gathering input.

By Charles M. Bartholomew
West-Peoria correspondent

ITANKY State and local environmental officials are hoping to attract a healthy turnout from cities and towns along the

western branch of the Little Calumet River to give them ideas where and how the stream can be cleaned up.

The meetings will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Laboratory Conference Center on the campus of Indiana University Northwest.

The Gary Environmental Affairs Department and the Gary Senior Center Management District began holding public

meetings last year on these projects to improve the quality of the water that flows from the Calumet River Watershed Management Plan, which can concentrate on the portion of the river west of Fournis Road.

The town of NW Ashland at Westville has been invited for participating with a grant from the Indiana Department of Environmental and Natural Resources. The grant is part of the state's funding effort to help the holders and the public that will be used to develop projects and

projects to improve the quality of the water that flows from the Calumet River Watershed Management Plan, which can concentrate on the portion of the river west of Fournis Road.

These projects focus on a plan to improve the local watersheds as much as possible," said Eric Franklin, the company's representative on the regional water shed planning committee.

Franklin said, "The goal of the Little Calumet is to help treat and clean up a watershed problem, because of the significant amount of raw point source pollution. Stormwater runoff from all paved roads and parking lots and seepage from septic systems.

The contractors will go over the best method to develop alternatives and projects that will be presented for funding in future public meetings before moving on to applying for construction grants," Franklin said.

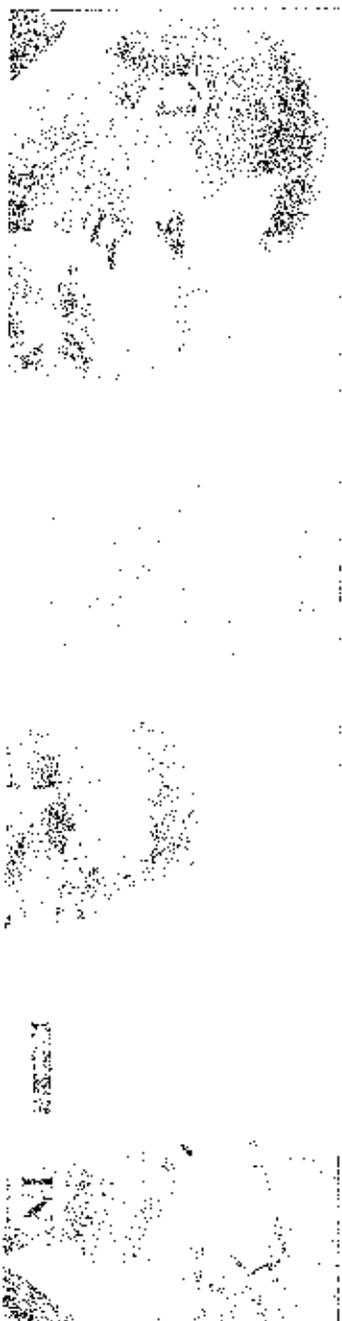
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DRUG TRIALS COME TO NWI

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Franklin 878-0100



Little Calumet River Watershed
Concern or Issue

Public concern about protection
of Blue Bird National Wildlife Refuge
and Lake Michigan. It has gotten a lot
of attention in connection with
the proposed development and dredging project.

Location description (if appropriate)

**Little Calumet River Watershed
Concern or Issue**

HAVE REPORTS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE
IN GIS-COMPATIBLE FORMATS; ~~HAVE~~
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Location description (if appropriate) _____

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Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2008 2:53 PM

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Subject: Steering Committee Meeting and Draft Report

At this Thursday's Steering Committee Meeting we will be looking for feed back on the sections of the draft report that you will be receiving today through a series of three emails. Sections I through III of the draft report are attached to this email, Section IV will be attached to the second email, and Sections V through VIII will be attached to the third email. Please feel free to email your comments directly to me or to bring them to the meeting itself. We especially need feedback on Sections V through VIII and in locating any specific sources of E.coli, nutrients, or total suspended solids within the watersheds.

At Thursday's meeting we will also be looking for input/feedback on the Implementation Plan, BMP Selection, and Monitoring Plan that still need to be added to the document. We will try to have ideas for or a draft of these sections then. If we can get through the needed areas on Thursday this could be the last working steering committee meeting. We are still asking that you hold January 30th open in case we do not get far enough along this Thursday though.

Hope to see you all there!

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5/1/2008

Stakeholder Interest Survey

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I'm Interested in Sharing my Technical Knowledge -

My area of expertise is: Focus groups, surveys, public educ.
data collection - analysis

I Can Help with Marketing Resources (printing, T-shirts, raffle items for events, etc.)

I Work for an Organization with Common Goals and Can Introduce You to Key People.

Stakeholder Interest Survey

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Email: elizabeth-mccloskey@fws.gov



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Phone: 619 444 1234

Email: Andrew.J. ...@... .com

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Comment: I am interested in being on the steering committee and helping with events.

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Channing French

Address:

1455 N. ...

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- The University is a good meeting location.

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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN



**“LEARN ABOUT THE
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER:
WATER QUALITY
AND
QUANTITY,
NATURAL RESOURCES,
RECREATION”**

The watershed group has been studying the Little Calumet River and surrounding areas for the past year through a Watershed Planning Grant from the Indiana Department Environmental Management (IDEM).

The Public is invited to

- Provide information to be added to the plan
- Learn about water quality in the Little Calumet River
- Learn about recreational access points and uses along the River
- Address concerns about water quality and quantity in the Little Calumet River watershed

Date: Thursday, March 13, 2008
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Indiana University Northwest
Library Conference Center Room 105C

**YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED TO HELP PLAN FOR FUTURE
PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENTS**

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**LITTLE CALUMET RIVER
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN**

PUBLIC MEETING IUN MARCH 13, 2008 6PM

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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

PUBLIC MEETING IUN MARCH 13, 2008 6PM

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For Information, Please



Gary finishing up watershed plan

BY SUSAN BROWN

sbrown@times.com

219.836.3780 • Friday, March 14, 2008

GARY - The city is wrapping up a Little Caumet River watershed management plan for submission to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management in April.

Under way since last year, the plan focuses on identifying the amount of pollutants, particularly that of E. coli, which enter the river primarily from stormwater runoff.

Extensive water sampling across three major watersheds, beginning in Hammond and extending east to Ponage, confirmed the river and its tributaries regularly exceed the state's daily maximum of the E. coli bacteria, limiting recreation on the river and raising health concerns.

"The river is listed for E. coli as a principal pollutant, and that was what IDEM was most interested in having us look at," said Doreen Carey, the city's environmental affairs director.

Carey said the city sought the IDEM grant to fund the study to obtain information more specific to Gary than the more broad-based watershed management plan developed by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

On Thursday, the city held its last presentation of its findings and welcomed input from the public before it sends the 20-year plan to the state for approval.

Besides the high E. coli levels, elevated sediment and nutrient levels were found to be damaging the river's overall health as are man-made manipulations, which impact the natural flow of the river.

Some of those attending the public meeting challenged whether Gary's plan can make a difference without exploring problems in south Lake County, where they argued careless development is contributing to flooding in the north.

But Philip Graik, an engineer from the firm of r2Arcstrong who presented the plan Thursday, said the plan includes a component for public education and has a goal of creating an alliance with other communities to work together on the issue.

"You have to start somewhere," he said.

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Tests find high E.coli levels in Little Cal

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GARY -- The common yet mildly scary bacterium E. coli is only one indicator of what's lurking in the Little Calumet River, but it can be managed relatively easily.

Controlling the bacteria, viruses and water flow of the Little Calumet and its tributaries are far more extensive tasks than the Little Calumet River Watershed Management Group has studied so far, said Phillip Gralik, assistant regional director for engineering firm RW Armstrong.

The meeting was held by the group at Indiana University Northwest on Thursday night, and the hope is that by getting the word out, more municipalities will participate.

Gralik, who's been working with a consortium of groups using a \$131,000 grant issued to the Gary Stormwater Management Board by Indiana Department of Environmental Management, has tested several areas between Hart Ditch in Hammond and Portage. A couple areas, in particular the watershed area where the Little Cal and Deep River meet and Hart Ditch in Hammond, have shown high E. coli surges at various times.

The day Hart Ditch was tested, there had been a combined sewer overflow, Gralik said, and levels were higher right after rain events. The Deep River levels, however, are unexplained.

"If any of you know why this is happening, please let us know," he asked the attendees.

And since E. coli is a bacteria, it's the only one that can be tested, Gralik said. It's also the least nasty of what really could be in the water.

Attendees were more concerned with water flow and flooding. To that end, Gralik said builders should build subdivisions in phases and not mow down everything at once.

Chuck Barman, of Cedar Lake, said municipalities clearly haven't been following that edict.

"Every municipality has a financial stake," Gralik said. "St. John, for example, isn't going to turn away subdivisions because they expand the tax base."

if they keep building, flooding will get worse, Barman said.

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