

Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed

Plan Committee Minutes
Tuesday, October 21, 2008
6:00-7:00pm
Oregon Area Senior Center

Attending: Sharon Beall, J. P. Danky, Lynne Diebel, Caroline Werner

Absent and Excused: Scott Taylor

Lynne Diebel led the meeting. Caroline Werner took notes.

Future Planning: Jeff Maxted of the Dane County Environmental Council told Lynne that FBCW would be eligible for a Capital Equipment matching grant for habitat restoration equipment. These are \$5,000 matching grants, with in-kind contributions allowable. The deadline is February 28, 2009.

Greg Vodak of Trout Unlimited told Lynne about the Natural Resources Foundation Besadny (C. D. "Buzz") Conservation Grants which focus on responsible stewardship. Grants vary from \$100 to \$1500. Matching funds are also required. The deadline is January 15, 2009.

Lynne will research these grants further to learn the applicability to our watershed area and what they would require of us. Mr. Danky volunteered to help Lynne write the grants.

There was agreement in the group that we would like to do something each year. This year we want to answer the question: "Restore the creek to what?" and find ways to collaborate with others. To begin, we will:

- 1) assess the condition of the banks, and focus our energy and resources in areas where we have support from property owners, including the WI Dept. of Natural Resources. Lynne and Sharon will canoe the creek between Old Stone Road and Leedle Mill on Saturday, November 8. Contact can be made with Maureen Rowe, Manager of the DNR area in the southern Dane County section of Badfish Creek to learn what organizations work with her and where she sees a need for improvement along the creek.
- 2) look for ways to find matching funds.
 - A) Mr. Danky suggested that we go to the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District for matching funding. They may have equipment we could use.
 - B) Perhaps the Rock River Coalition members in this area would contribute in-kind "person power".
 - C) Rock County, UW Extension and/or the Land Conservation Corp could be contacted to provide in-kind assistance in creating a good buffer area with agricultural fields on higher ground around the creek.
 - D) Agrecol's Bill Graham may be willing to donate seed for re-vegetation. Agricultural Ecological Solutions www.agrecol.com

Conclusion of Butter Factory Stream Clean-Up: Lynne will write the report to Dane County.

Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's Report in Scott's absence. We want to attract more members.

Adjournment: All voted unanimously to adjourn a few minutes before 7:00pm to hear the presentation by Laura Lueders MacFarland, restoration specialist with the River Alliance of Wisconsin, on identification and eradication of Japanese Knotweed, Purple Loosestrife, Common Reed Grass and other invasive riparian plants.