

Communities of the Future Advisory Committee

December 15, 2011

MSD Wastewater Engineering & Education Center Inform & Influence Subcommittee Meeting Summary

In Attendance: Laith Alfaqih, Bloody Run Watershed Project Manager, MSD
Karen Ball, MSD/Hamilton County Liaison
Terry Cole, MSD (consultant)
Chad Edwards, Emersion Design/USGBC
Elliott Ellis, President, South Fairmount Community Council
Bruce Koehler, Ohio-Indiana-Kentucky Regional Council of Governments and
Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities
Jen Eismeier, Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities
Eileen Frechette, Kings Run Watershed resident (Wooden Shoe Drive)
Cecilia Kloecker, Sierra Club
Deb Leonard, MSD (consultant)
MaryLynn Lodor, MSD
Dean Niemeyer, HCP&D
Kathy Schwab, LISC
Steve Slack, Kings Run Watershed resident (Wooden Shoe Drive)
Dennis Smith, Paper Products Company
Marilyn Wall, Sierra Club
Brian Wamsley, HCP&D
Margo Warminski, Cincinnati Preservation Association
Charles Young, Vice President, South Fairmount Community Council

Handouts: Meeting Agenda
Open House Planning Matrices
Cincinnati Enquirer –“*Portune Lobbies for Easier Sewer Fixes*” (12/14/2011)

Overview:

MaryLynn Lodor of MSD gave an update on community outreach conducted to date in the Lower Mill Creek watershed, including tours of the Lick Run watershed, two Lick Run community design workshops (the most recent held on October 26, 2011) and a community cleanup at St. Clair park in South Fairmount.

MSD is currently working to produce a summary brochure from the second Lick Run community design workshop that will be mailed to attendees of the first two workshops.

A third Lick Run community design workshop is tentatively planned for February at Orion Academy in South Fairmount.

MSD is now beginning planning for open houses (based on the Lick Run open house held in January 2011) in the three other sub-watersheds within Lower Mill Creek: Bloody Run, Kings Run and West Fork. They will be scheduled for the January-early March 2012 timeframe.

MSD would like to engage CFAC members to participate as community liaisons at these events.

Following the overview, discussions focused on the following:

- Stormwater Issues:
 - A committee member asked for an update on the “Sustainable Infrastructure Policy Gap Analysis” that is being developed by the CFAC Policy Subcommittee. Another committee member asked for a copy of the latest document and noted that action steps need to be taken regarding the policy gaps. MaryLynn explained that members of the CFAC Policy Subcommittee have reviewed the document and identified items of interest. The document is now undergoing review by MSD, the City of Cincinnati Stormwater Utility (SMU), Hamilton County Storm Water District and Hamilton County Planning Development. Once the review is complete, the gap analysis document will be posted on the CFAC website.
 - Committee members asked about erosion control/stormwater runoff from local construction projects. It was explained by another committee member that the Hamilton County Storm Water District has enforceable Soil and Erosion Rules and Regulations but they have not yet been adopted by the City of Cincinnati. SMU has submitted revised ordinances to the Director of Sewers to enforce soil and erosion control within city limits, and the Director of Sewers plans to submit them to City Council in January for formal approval. In the meantime, Hamilton County residents can report soil and erosion issues to the Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District at (513) 772-7645. If you live in a jurisdiction that has adopted the Hamilton County Storm Water District regulations, the Soil & Water office will let you know and then direct you to contact your local public works department. If you do not, Soil & Water cannot take enforcement action against the entity creating the erosion issue, but can recommend erosion control practices.
- Default Tunnel Solution
 - A committee member asked whether the tunnel would stop at CSO 5, Hopple Street, or the Hamilton County Fairgrounds. MSD explained that a decision has not been made yet about the location where the tunnel would stop and all of these issues are still under review and consideration by MSD.
- Open House Planning:
 - The group talked about other forms of outreach that could be used to engage the communities in each watershed. Suggestions included information series at public libraries, lectures at libraries, Green Umbrella website, contact list and events.
 - MSD is planning an open house for the West Fork watershed from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Thursday, February 26, 2012 at North Presbyterian Church in Northside.
 - MSD is planning an open house for the Bloody Run watershed from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Thursday, February 9, 2012 at Woodward Career Technical High School.
 - MSD is planning an open house in the Kings Run watershed from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 1, 2012 at Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove Village.
- Lick Run Businesses:
 - The group talked about how to get South Fairmount businesses more involved in Lick Run Community Design Workshop #3. Through the CFAC Economic Subcommittee, MSD is surveying South Fairmount businesses to determine their interest in relocating.

Meetings with South Fairmount Business Association are scheduled to take place in January before next workshop

- CSO 5 in South Fairmount:
 - A committee member mentioned the recent theft of brass pins and arms from the flap gates at CSO 5 in South Fairmount. MSD is aware of the theft and is in the process of fabricating new steel replacement parts and will install them as soon as possible. Metal theft is a problem plaguing MSD and many other entities and private citizens.

- Kings Run Watershed:
 - Two guest attendees from Wooden Shoe Drive (Spring Grove Village) in the Kings Run watershed discussed the volume of stormwater overflows that will be eliminated in Kings Run as part of MSD's proposed projects. They would both like to continue working with MSD and volunteered to act as liaisons to Wooden Shoe residents on planning efforts and to be involved in the Kings Run Open House planning process.