



PROJECT GROUNDWORK COMMUNITY DESIGN WORKSHOP #1 *Lick Run Watershed*

Overview for Communities of the Future Advisory Committee June, 2011

DESIGN WORKSHOP #1 GOAL

To build on the information shared with the community during the Community Open House, providing additional details and initiating a constructive dialogue with stakeholders interested in sharing their vision for the Lick Run watershed as it relates to the Project Groundwork concepts and the regulatory requirements.

OBJECTIVES

- To bring the community up-to-speed on technical analysis and planning conducted since the Community Open House, and provide a status of the concepts under consideration for community input
- To invite community members to participate in group dialogues around specific topics relevant to advancing the vision for the Lick Run watershed within the opportunities and constraints of the regulatory requirements and other factors
- To capture input from community members that will inform the next step of the planning process for the Lick Run watershed
- To prepare community members for active engagement in Design Workshop #2

TIMING

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 11th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Theodore Roosevelt Public School at 1550 Tremont Street, Cincinnati, OH 45214. A 5:30 p.m. open house set up will be available for anyone who was unable to attend the Community Open House and would like to review the background materials from that discussion. Location for the Design Workshop is being finalized.

PRIMARY AUDIENCE

Although the meeting will be open to the public at-large, as with the Community Open House, the primary audience for invitation will be those in the Lick Run watershed, specifically the communities of South Fairmount and parts of Westwood, East Price Hill, and West Price Hill.

FORMAT

Introduction

A 30-minute overview presentation will be given to bring the community up-to-speed on efforts conducted since the Community Open House. This will include an explanation of the status of the concepts for the Lick Run watershed-based solution, the outcomes from the technical evaluation and Value Engineering study, and the communications with US EPA. The conceptual CSO reduction solution will be introduced for the South Fairmount corridor and an explanation given of the design parameters (*e.g.*, water quality needs, CSO control needs, project boundary, etc.).

Break-out Sessions

There will be four break-out areas focused on four relevant topics. Community members will be asked to move to one of the break-out areas to participate in facilitated discussions designed to gather input directly from each participant. Feedback and input will be captured through visual preference surveys and discussions focused on a particular watershed strategy component. Participants will remain at each station approximately 20-30 minutes before being asked to rotate. This will ensure all attendees have an opportunity to express their input on each topic.

CFAC INVOLVEMENT

Communities of the Future Advisory Committee (CFAC) members will be invited to participate in the design workshop by serving as liaisons with the community. CFAC members are encouraged to engage with attendees, gather feedback, and share relevant information about Project Groundwork. CFAC members are also asked to encourage community members to participate in the other two design workshops that will be held in subsequent months, and to also participate in the ongoing dialogue with MSD through Community Council meetings and other venues.

Prior to the design workshop, CFAC sub-committees will also each be asked to assist in identifying specific tasks they can undertake in advance of the workshop that will contribute to the community's understanding of their particular area of focus (i.e. community engagement, policy matters, economic development).

OPEN HOUSE NOTIFICATION

- A direct mailing piece (postcard invitation) will be sent to all property owners/residents/business owners in the Lick Run watershed.
- Community Councils representing South Fairmount, Westwood, East Price Hill and West Price Hill will publish a "save the date" article and a meeting notice in their community newsletters.
- Notice of the meetings will be posted on the Project Groundwork website.
- Press releases will be sent to the community newspapers serving the primary audience.
- Email announcements will be sent to those contacts within the primary audience who have previously expressed interest, including those attendees from the Community Open House.

CFAC MEMBER ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Help to spread the word about the Community Design Workshop #1
- 2) Plan to attend if possible
- 3) Work with assigned sub-committee to identify and implement specific tasks that will contribute to the community's understanding of the particular area of focus