



Dix River Watershed Stakeholder Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2021, 3:00PM-4:30PM

I. Introductions/Attendees:

Brent Blevins (Boyle Co HD), **Duane Campbell** (Boyle Co), **Randall Carrier** (Lincoln Co HD), **Malissa McAlister** (KWRRI/KRWW), **David McGrade** (Centre College), **Preston Miles** (CREEC), **Tyler Miller** (Lincoln Co Ext Office), **Alane Mills** (Resident/ KRWW), **Josh Morgan** (City of Danville), **Lindsie Nicholas** (BGGs), **Bill Payne** (LCSD), **Maxine Rudder** (BGGs), **John Scarpa** (NRCS), **Alexis Sheffield** (Boyle Co Ext Office), **Jane Vanhook** (KRWW/Lincoln Co Public Library)



II. Announcements

- a. Riparian Buffer Grant Application deadline extended through **May 31st** for streamside buffer establishment in the Clarks Run and Hanging Fork Watersheds
- b. [Septic Care Workshops](#) returning in June with applications for the pumpout and repair program available to workshop attendees in the Clarks Run and Hanging Fork Watersheds:
 - i. Lincoln Co – Thurs, **June 17th** 6:00-7:30PM at the Lincoln Co Public Library
 - ii. Boyle Co – Sat, **June 26th** via Zoom
- c. [Connecting Community and Water](#) Student Packets still available for PreK-5th grade students in the Dix River Watershed
- d. Farmer to Farmer Video Series underway, click [HERE](#) to watch
- e. Water Quality Mini Grant applications will be available in November for stakeholder-led projects in 2022, up to \$5,000 per project

III. Stakeholder Mapping Activity

- a. Stakeholders each wrote down their name and their organization/affiliation on a blue sticky note and placed it on a white board, slowly organizing themselves into groupings.
- b. Each stakeholder then helped to determine groups or organizations that were missing. These new sticky notes (green) were added.
- c. Below is a graphic summary of the activity. The goal of the activity was to see how each stakeholder plays a role and how the group can work together to build stakeholder capacity working toward improved water quality as a community.

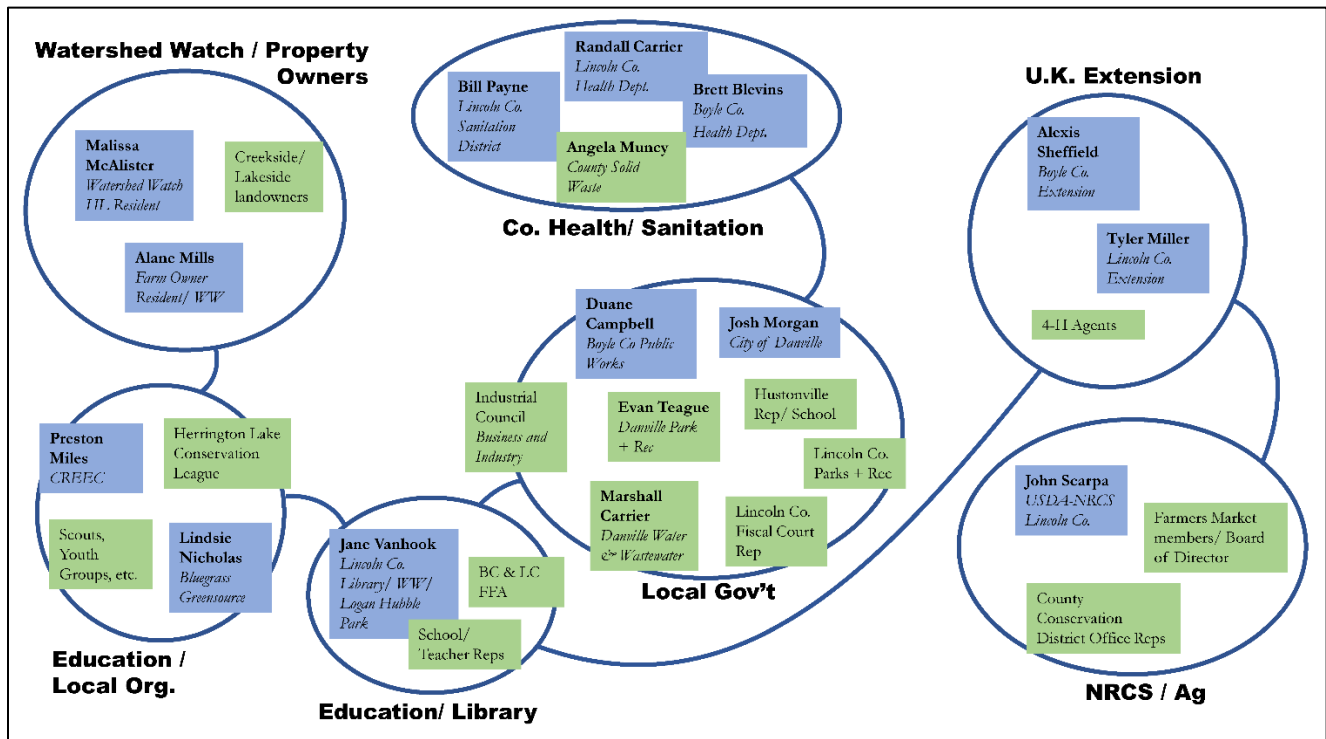


Figure 1 - Dix River Watershed Stakeholder Map

IV. Project Brainstorming

- a. Random Word Generator Activity
Stakeholders called out 5 words at a time that were randomly generated from a website. Words were recorded on a white board and the group worked together to use as many of the words to identify potential stakeholder-led projects focusing on water quality improvements. (completed 5-6 rounds)
- b. [Dix River Watershed Stakeholder Project Story Map](#) – for reference and planning

Table 1- Stakeholder Project Concepts

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Breakfast – peaceful / beginning Create points of access to creeks and streams in the area, maybe along trails, where members of the community can start their morning right/ breakfast truck pop-up 2. Element – feature Create water features along creeks and streams, like stone steps, where the community can engage and interface with the water 3. Overview – mural Creating or funding a community mural to help the community understand their role in the water cycle and how their waterway connects to the greater watershed 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Monarch Emphasize the use of pollinator plant species in riparian buffer projects – pair the two together and link with the monarch waystation/ tracking 5. Agriculture – connection Create or work with current outreach campaign to farmers connecting water quality benefits for riparian buffers to on-farm environmental and economic benefits of better land management 6. Community – event Host a community Creek Day or Lake Day Event with a fishing competition and/or kayaking at Cedar Creek Lake or similar with opportunities for engaging water quality education throughout
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<p>7. Stir – interest in waterways/ signage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reinvigorate trail signage effort, signage showing where a member of the community is standing in relation to the full water cycle - Highway/ roadway signage campaign for entering watersheds /crossings waterways → possible partners include KYTC, Local Government & residents <p>8. Positive – media messaging campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PR campaign for Dix River waterways, focused on positive messages to residents and ag community - Possible video project for the Dix River area, capturing history, recreation, water quality info <p>9. Convenience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with local governments to create more public access to waterways (good example, Logan Hubble Memorial Park) - Develop a messaging campaign to connect the public's desire to be outside with water related recreation and the importance of water quality - Add trash and pet waste disposal bins close to waterways and parks to make it more convenient <p>10. Hero – Water(shed) Hero Program Create an award program that recognizes members of the community that are going above and beyond to care for our waterways (e.g., water sampling, creek clean-ups, restoration efforts, conservation practices, etc.)</p> <p>11. Pursuit – measurable Develop measurable goals/ milestones associated with water quality in the watershed to give the community a target for improvement - Partner w/ Watershed Watch to determine these milestones and use in future PR campaign</p>	<p>12. Pursuit – focus on a water quality issue and/or problem area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hay wrap easily clogs waterways if disposed of improperly – possible hay wrap disposal program - Clarks Run/ Goggin Lane crossing (high nutrients) - Hanging Fork Hustonville Park (high E. coli / bacteria) <p>13. Anxiety – algal blooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lawn care outreach – over fertilization of lawns (No P on my lawn program) particularly for properties near waterways and Lake Herrington - Establish limits on Phosphorous use (10-10-10) fertilizer, require soil tests, City ordinance? - Outreach to commercial retailers on fertilizer/phosphorus use <p>14. Anxiety – farmers overwhelmed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Farmers mostly concerned w/economics, time associated w/ other projects (riparian buffers) & losing land - Encourage stacked conservation practices → develop a farmer focus group to discuss barriers to implementation and improved methods for discussing buffer benefits to the Ag community - Increase outreach to the community to better explain practices → farmer's market, Cattleman's Association - Poison hemlock very common – needs awareness <p>15. Public Engagement Partner with recreation/tourism groups to increase the number of activities near water and access to them</p> <p>16. Infrastructure Work with local governments to encourage development of recreational park spaces along waterways (linear parks) conscientious of its impact to the surrounding ecosystem, possible public-private partnerships to create interactive water-scapes</p>
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V. Closing Comments

a. Next Stakeholder Meeting **November 2021 - TBD**

Discussion topics: development of stakeholder-led project ideas and partnerships

b. Summer stakeholder meet and greet, look out for more details

c. Homework: Review the list of project ideas, brainstorm more ideas, and start making connections with other stakeholders to move desired project ideas forward

d. Reminder, the [Story Map](#) is available as a tool for project planning

e. Meeting minutes, presentations, recordings, and upcoming meeting dates posted on the Dix River site: <https://bggreensource.org/dix-river-watershed-group/>