

Tri-Creek Land Use Planning Committee

April 14, 2016 - 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Ridgeville Town Hall

Introductions were made. Those present included:

Bob Micheel, Monroe County Land Conservation
Chad Ziegler, Monroe County Forest and Parks
Glen Degenhardt, Norwalk Rod and Gun Club
Mary Beth Hanson, President, Village of Norwalk
Megen Kabele, Mississippi Valley Conservancy
Abbie Church, Mississippi Valley Conservancy
Eric Epstein, Township of Ridgeville resident
Inese Epstein, Township of Ridgeville resident
Ron Luethe, Ridgeville Township Supervisor

Bob Micheel gave a history and overview of the Tri-Creek property and watershed dam.

Glen Degenhardt gave history of the Norwalk Rod and Gun Club and their lease with the county within the dam property.

Chad Ziegler gave an overview of the forestry resources within Tri-Creek. There is a tree inventory completed for 400 – 500 acres within Tri-Creek.

Abbie Church gave an overview of what the Mississippi Valley Conservancy does and how it can contribute to the communities it works with.

Bob Micheel led the discussion of the goals for the Land Use and Planning Committee. The needed resource data needed for the Land Use Plan includes:

- Forest and plant inventories
- Wetlands
- Spring locations
- Stream, water quality analysis
- Cultural resources inventory
- Threatened and Endangered species identification – both aquatic and terrestrial
- Invasive species location – both aquatic and terrestrial
- Soil health evaluation for the cropland within Tri-Creek
- Access and location for Emergency Services
- Existing trails, old logging roads, other corridors
- Boundary fence inventory to include areas requiring maintenance

Assignments were made to begin to gather the resource data:

Forest and plant inventories – Chad Ziegler
Stream, water quality analysis – DNR Personnel
History of the Watershed Dam – Bob Micheel
Threatened and Endangered species identification – both aquatic and terrestrial
– Eric Epstein and Armund?
Wildlife Resources – Chad Ziegler and Ron Like sp? – DNR
Invasive species location – both aquatic and terrestrial – Chad Ziegler
Agricultural History of the area – Inese Epstein
Spring locations – Monroe County GIS Personnel
Wood Turtle – Eric Epstein and Dick ?
Cultural resources inventory – Ron Luethe
Bike Trail History – Karen Parker, et.al
Geological history – contact needed

Recreational Opportunities:

- Public Education/Schools programs
- Hunting, Fishing & Trapping
- Bike Trail
- Hiking & Birding
- Snowmobiling
- Future?

Next meeting – Participants will contact Ron Luethe (ron.luethe@centurylink.net) with a day that works best for the week of June 20 – 24, 2016

Ron Luethe