

# **BUILDING AND CODES DEPARTMENT**

## **STREAM WATCH REPORT**

Date: September 24, 2009

### **World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD)**

We may have to share kits this year, as many tests can be performed from one kit. Kits were distributed and Ms. Smith shared with the committee the 13 sites that are currently registered on the WWMD website; she suggested that at the very least these sites be tested again this year.

Ms. Murray explained that this is an educational tool to involve the community and bring about awareness; these are not tests that will be used to identify scientific conclusions, only generalities.

### **Upcoming Stream Cleanup**

Amy Murray explained that our next joint stream cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2009 at Mansker Creek; the staging area will be North Pointe Subdivision. She stated that gloves, T-shirts, water and snacks will be provided.

### **Sub-Committee Report – Clearing Gravel from Slaters Creek**

Ms. Amy Murray reported that if the committee wishes to enter the creek and remove gravel by hand (Shovels, etc.) no permit is required; however, if any machinery is used, an ARAP (Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit) will be required.

If we work in an area up to but not over 200 feet, there are no fees for the ARAP; however, if we exceed this distance, fees apply.

One area of concern is the community center bridge area and the bridge at Bay Metals. Karen Smith will check to see if this is a project with which the city would like us to proceed. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

### **Educational Opportunities (Project Wet)**

1. Amy Murray informed the committee that the cities of Millersville and Goodlettsville are once again offering this accredited program to area teachers, troop leaders, TWRA members, etc. It will take place on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at the Moss Wright Visitors Center.

Karen Smith reported that she had sent flyers as well as personal invitations to each teacher at Millersville Elementary School. There was also a media push several weeks ago.

2. An Environmental Magazine Subscription for the library at our elementary school was carried over from last month's meeting. Ms. Smith explained that she had researched the Internet and had come up with two magazines which appear to meet the criteria of "environmental". She presented her findings; however, some members were not sure that

the school would want these or even that the students would utilize them; therefore, the item was removed from the agenda and will not resurface unless we discover something that the school wants and needs.

No decision was made as to how this fact finding mission will be accomplished. No further mention of this will be on the agenda unless a vote is taken to add it at some future date.

## **Audit Report - Goodlettsville**

Ms. Murray reported that Goodlettsville did not receive a Notice of Violation, but a “kinder” letter outlining the areas that need to be adjusted. They are currently working to meet these requirements.

## **Landscaping Project**

1. City Hall – light pole

Karen Smith stated that she is waiting to see if the Garden Club would be interested in a joint effort to landscape and place a plaque promoting both Stream Watch and the Garden Club. This will be on a later agenda.

## **R.I.D. Campaign**

Ms. Smith gave members a sneak peek at the signs that will be going up across Millersville to discourage illegal dumping.

Due to the late hour, the meeting adjourned without completing the last three agenda items; they will be carried over to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Report Submitted by,

Karen Smith, Codes Administrator