

# Wolf Creek

# Stream Team

## "Occasional" Newsletter ☺

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### **November 3<sup>rd</sup> Slated for Volunteer Meeting**

One of the items discussed at the strategic planning meeting last month, was the importance of regular volunteer meetings, at least quarterly. The first is scheduled for Monday evening, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6pm. Plan to meet at the Eagle Diner located at the Salem Mall in Trotwood. It's a home cookin' type place, casual dress.

Some items to think about for discussion are: Dusty Hall's speech at UD, Kuhn's Log Homes of Brookville (erosion problems), Grant funding, WCST Mission Statement, and putting a presentation together for outreach to local governments. We probably won't address every topic in detail, but I'm sure the priorities will sort themselves out. Right now our confirmed attendance is: Nancy Bain, Larry Bell, Wendy Boucuvaes, Margaret Flinn, Felicia Graham, and Steve Krieg. If your name isn't here, please contact me if you're able to join us... Hope you're looking forward to this 'fellowship of stewards' !

## **Stream Team Forges Vision Statement**

Our September 13<sup>th</sup> planning meeting was well attended by volunteers and supporters. You all were sent the minutes from that meeting, but there are a few items worth reiterating here. We identified the need for and methods of recruiting more stakeholders. One of the items for discussion on November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be putting together a standard presentation for outreach to the potential stakeholders we had identified. This will be an important step for our group.

After a seemingly erratic brain storming session, we came up with a vision for our goals as Stream Team volunteers. Our vision statement at this time is: **To preserve, promote, and improve the natural integrity of the Wolf creek Watershed.** We should revisit this at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, to see if there is further discussion needed before officially “adopting” it as our vision statement. As a reminder, it’s important to define the terms.

- ❖ A vision statement is the guiding image of success in terms of a contribution to society.
- ❖ A mission statement is a few sentences describing the essence of an organization.
- ❖ A strategic plan is the blueprint for an organization’s work.

To put it another way, the vision is what we want to accomplish, the mission is who we are, and the strategic plan is how we will do it.

## **Four Sites Monitored this Fall**

One of our short term goals set at the planning meeting was to complete some monitorings in September and October. As of today, this is what has been accomplished:

<b>Team</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Date</b>
Boucuvaes/Hull/Flinn	5	9/26/03
Boucuvaes/Hull/Flinn	5	10/8/03
Bain/Brechlin	8	9/26/03
Bell/Krieg/Barksdale	9	10/5/03
Bell/Krieg/Barksdale	10	10/5/03

I regard this as a significant accomplishment because it represents commitment and follow-through by these Stream Team members. They have built upon the training we did last summer, and are taking charge and applying their skills. Let’s keep the momentum going! Hopefully there will be some nice days in November.... (hint hint ☺ )

## **Dusty Hall to Speak at UD on October 30th**

As many of you may be aware, Montgomery Soil & Water Conservation District partners on a lot of projects with the Miami Conservancy District. Just for a little background information, there are a number of Conservancy Districts across the state, and Miami Conservancy was formed after the 1913 flood. Their core mission was to build and maintain the five dams in the Great Miami River basin. Since then they have expanded their work to address watershed issues. Thus, we as a Soil and Water Conservation District have much in common with Miami Conservancy.

Dusty Hall is an Environmental Scientist who worked for the University of Dayton, The City of Dayton, and now Miami Conservancy on developing community-based environmental programs such as Miami Valley Earth Central, Lower Great Miami Basin Council, and the acclaimed multi-jurisdictional Well Field Protection Program. The subject of his talk will be Our Local Watersheds. The event is free, but you still need a ticket. Contact Julie Brill at 229-5080 for more information.

Until Next Time,

Be well, do good work, and keep in touch ~

Caroline