

Little Wabash River Watershed Discovery Meetings

Meeting Location and Times:

Thursday, August 18, 2016 9:30 AM - noon
Effingham City Council Chambers
City Hall
201 East Jefferson Avenue
Effingham, IL 62401

Thursday, August 18, 2016 2:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Frontier Community College
2 Frontier Drive
Fairfield, IL 62837-2601

Attendees

ISWS – Sally McConkey, Glenn Heistand, Kingsley Allan, Zoe Zaloudek, Brad McVay, Mary Richardson

The Little Wabash River Watershed Discovery Meeting had a total of 37 attendees representing 11 counties and 6 communities which are listed below.

Clay County
Coles County
Mattoon, City of
Cumberland County
Effingham County
Effingham, City of
Teutopolis, Village of
Fayette County
Gallatin County
Marion County
Richland County
Olney, Village of
Shelby County
Wayne County
Fairfield, City of
White County
Crossville, Village of

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Representatives from the following entities were also present at the meetings:

Emergency Service and Disaster Agency (ESDA)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission (GWRPC)

Illinois Department of Natural Resources- Office of Water Resources (IDNR-OWR)

Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) Region 9 & 11

Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

Southern Illinois University (SIU)

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Last Name	First Name	Title	County	Community	Email	Phone
Adkins	Cara		IDNR-OWR		Cara.n.adkins@illinois.gov	312-405-9239
Berber	Dean	Public Works Director	Coles	Mattoon	barberd@mattoonillinois.org	217-342-2025
Bohnhoff	Adam	Civil Engineer	Effingham	Effingham	abohnhoff@civildesigninc.com	217-342-2025
Brown	Patrick	Maintenance worker	Effingham	Effingham County	watertreatment@consolidated.net	O. 217-347-5056 C. 217-821-4305
Clifton	Clay		Clay	Clay County	CCHWY@Wabash.net	618-655-3346
Colwell	Dan	Richland County Engineer	Richland	Richland County	richlandhigheng@bspeedy.com	
Craig	Kendra	EMA	Fayette	Fayette County	fcesda@yahoo.com	618-283-4292
Depew	Kiley	EMA	Fayette	Fayette EMA	depew02@gmail.com	618-267-0253
Hanfland	Robert	P.E.	Effingham		handfland@civildesign.inc	217-342-2025
Hess	Greg	Village President	Effingham	Teutopolis	he2gr@hotmail.com	217-663-2108
Holkenbrink	Floyd	Chief Executive Officer	Cumberland	Cumberland County	fholkenbrink@hofnetin.com	217-849-2631
Koester	Gregory A.	County Engineer\FPA	Effingham	Effingham County	gkoester@co.effingham.il.us	217-342-6550
Lee	Rita	Engineering Studies Section Chief	IDNR-OWR		Rita.Lee@illinois.gov	217-524-2387
Lewis	Steven	ESDA Coordinator	Clay		floraesda@florail.us	618-662-8211
McReynolds	Kevin	Community Planner	Coles	CCRPIDC	kmcreynolds@coles.il.us	217-348-0521
Miller	Steven W.	Director of Public Works	Effingham	Effingham	millers@ci.effingham.il.us	217-342-5303
Mitchell	Mike	Code Enforcement Official\FPA	Richland	Olney	mmitchell@ci.olney.il.us	618-395-7302 ext. 5
Pritchard	Austin	Commander	Shelby	Shelby Co Dive Team	shelbtcountydiveteam@gmail.com	217-343-6265
Pulley	Chris	IEMA Regional Coordinator	Marion	Marion	chris.pulley@illinois.gov	618-997-5847

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Quindry	Gerald	P.E.	Wayne	Fairfield	jerry@gequindry.com	
Rowcliffe	Jared	EMA	Shelby	Shelby County	shelbyema@shelbycounty-il.com	
Sherwood	Steve	EMA Coordinator	Cumberland		EMAcordinator@cumberlandco.org	
Simms	Steve	IEMA Regional Coordinator	Coles	Mattoon	Steve.simms@illinois.gov	618-662-4474
Smith	Thomas	Community Planning Specialist	FEMA		thomas.smith6@fema.dhs.gov	
Whitehead	Ted	County Board Chairman	Clay	Clay County	twkw89@msn.com	618-665-3626 618-599-6719
Winters	Brad		IDNR-OWR		Brad.Winters@illinois.gov	
Wobig	Loren	Manager, Division of Resource Management	IDNR-OWR		Loren.Wobig@illinois.gov	
Zeiger	Mike	Lead operator	Effingham	Effingham County	watertreatment@consolidated.net	O. 217-347-5056 C. 217-821-4305

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Adkins	Cara		IDNR-OWR		Cara.n.adkins@illinois.gov	312-405-9239
Broadnax	Tamara	SIU Geography Dept			Tamara.Broadnax@siu.edu	
Galt	Steve J.	ESDA Coordinator	Gallatin	Gallatin County	gallatincountyema@gmail.com	618-525-7956
Kropp	Tim	SIU Geography Dept				
Pulley	Chris	IEMA Regional Coordinator	Marion	Marion	chris.pulley@illinois.gov	618-997-5859
Savage	David	Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission	Wayne	Fairfield	davidsavage@gwrpc.com	618-445-3612
Simms	Steve	IEMA Regional Coordinator	Coles	Mattoon	Steve.simms@illinois.gov	618-662-4474
Simpson	Flo	Zoning Official\FPA	Wayne	Fairfield	adc@fairfieldwireless.net	618-842-4802
Smith	Thomas	Community Planning Specialist	FEMA		thomas.smith6@fema.dhs.gov	
Spicer	Derek		White	Crossville	villageofcrossville@gmail.com	618-3832387
Tannahill	Jenny	Wayne County SSCD	Wayne	Wayne County		618-842-7602 x 101
Totten	James	Director White	White	Carmi	ictotten@frontier.com	618-384-4701

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		County EMA				
Wobig	Loren	Manager, Division of Resource Management	IDNR-OWR		Loren.Wobig@illinois.gov	

Little Wabash River Watershed Discovery Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Presentations (60 minutes)
 - Risk MAP Goals & Objectives -
Sally McConkey, P.E., D.WRE, CFM,
ISWS
 - Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans –
Tom Smith FEMA Region V
 - Meeting Goals, Tools, and Comment Process
Instructions
- Group Breakout Session (60-90 minutes)
 - Discovery Map Review and comments
Identify areas with flooding issues and
concerns

Little Wabash River Watershed Discovery Meeting Presentation

Risk MAP Goals and Objectives

Following the welcome and introductions by Mary Richardson, the participants were ask to fill in the Pre-meeting survey.

Sally McConkey, ISWS Risk MAP Project Manager, began the presentation discussed with an over view of the FEMA Risk MAP Discovery program goals; the focus of the Discovery meeting being a watershed wide information exchange. An overview was provided of FEMA flood map terminology, and the NFIP Community Partners and the Community Rating System (Paul Osman, NFIP State Coordinator, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources and Lou Ann Patellaro, CRS were unable to attend due to previous commitments). The community Hazard Mitigation Plan status for the counties within the watershed was presented with information about upcoming training courses in floodplain management. Media cuttings of mitigation success stories within the adjacent watersheds were also shared.

The application process through IEMA was introduced, as was community resilience, mitigation ideas, and the mitigation action tracker, all FEMA aides to mitigation planning.

The Little Wabash River Watershed Discovery data that had been available to the stakeholders before the meeting via the www.fillinoisfloodmaps.org were then discussed. The Floodplain Comparison Workmap panels show the Effective and the Automated Engineering data, and the Interactive Discovery

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Map has several layers including the Effective and Automated Engineering data. It is hope that using the Interactive Map interface will make the comment process more efficient.

Tom Smith, FEMA Region V Community Planning Specialist, presented on the importance of each county developing their hazard mitigation plans; plans that cover not only flooding but also disasters associate with the large number of mines, earthquakes and tornadoes that are common in this watershed. FEMA funding opportunities and other mitigation plan contacts were provided.

Meeting Goals, Tools, and Comment Process Instructions

At the start of the breakout session Sally McConkey noted that in order to produce the most accurate flood maps input from the local communities is essential. Different areas that the attendees could the mark on the Discovery maps and community Floodplain Comparison Workmaps, and noted on comment forms might be:

- streams where the effective study/ mapping does not reflect existing conditions
- streams where the new approximate floodplains do not reflect existing conditions
- areas of growth where more detailed flood study data is needed
- available technical data to support hydrologic and hydraulic studies
- restrictive bridges, culverts or other structures
- overtopped roads
- dams
- areas of stream erosion
- levees and levee like structures and failures
- locations of critical facilities
- areas of mitigation interest

Paper Map Review Break-Out Session – Comments and Marked Maps

Comment forms submitted and Discovery Maps and Community Floodplain Comparison Maps marked at the Little Wabash River Watershed Discovery Meeting are located at

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Interested people were invited to have one-on-one instruction in the use of the Interactive Map.

ISWS presented a version of the [weTable](#) which allows multiple participants to view mapping data on an interactive interface on a table top in the workshop environment. Several people found this a very productive means of viewing issues within the watershed.

Survey Results (% of those who responded)

Pre-1 Do you have a good understanding of the FEMA Risk MAP Discovery Process? 18% yes; 82% no

Pre-2 Were you able to easily access the interactive map from the web-site prior to the meeting? 85 % yes; 15% no

Pre-3 Do you think you understand your community's flood risk? 82% yes; 18% no

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Post-1 What is your opinion about the length of the meeting's presentation(s).100% about right

Post-2 Do you believe that you now have a better knowledge of where flooding occurs in your community? 7% strongly disagree; 11% somewhat disagree; 52% somewhat agree; 30% strongly agree.

Post-3 Do you believe that you now have a better understanding of the reasons for that flooding? 15% strongly disagree; 12% somewhat disagree; 54% somewhat agree; 19% strongly agree.

Post-4 Do you believe that you now have a better knowledge of mitigation opportunities available to your community? 11% strongly disagree; 7% somewhat disagree; 37% somewhat agree; 44% strongly agree.

Post-5 Was the Discovery Map helpful in increasing your knowledge of flood risk in the watershed? 9% strongly disagree; 4% somewhat disagree; 43% somewhat agree; 43% strongly agree.

Post-6 Do you have a clear understanding of the next steps for this outreach phase of Risk MAP? 78 % yes; 0% no; 22% not sure

Post-7 Would you like to have a follow-up meeting? 45% yes; 55% no

Post-8 What topics would you like more information about?

Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning (Risk MAP): 41%
National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)/Community Rating System (CRS): 41%
Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans: 22%
Funding opportunities for Hazard Mitigation Plans 33: %
FEMA's Map Service Center (MSC): 22%
Coordinated Needs Management Strategy (CNMS): 4%
Mitigation Action Tracker (MAT): 15%
Other: 4%

Comments

32 comments were received through September 4, 2016. Comments include: areas defined as being Zone A's but not known to flood; buildings in need of buyouts; new study requests for areas that are slated for development; stream flow constrictions; dam that has been breached, with increased occurrence of flooding in adjacent areas; and overtopping roads. No comments were received indicating dissatisfaction with the automated engineering floodplain approximations.