

SWEET Meeting Minutes

Monday March 14, 2022 at 10:30am

This meeting was held virtually.

Present: Donna Barbrick (MC Surveyor), Autumn Brunelle (MC Parks), Scott Calvert (guest, Lebanon MS4 Coord.), Martha Miller (MC SWCD), Erica Penna (MC MS4), Elisa Pokral (MC SWMD), Adam Rickert (MC MS4), Rebecca Swift (Bloomington Parks) Kat Zaiger (CBU MS4)

1. Call to Order

2. Big Collaboration Items (those needing group discussion)

- a. Meeting options – Hybrid
 - i. Group consensus to maintain Zoom meeting option. Erica will establish an in-person meeting location, capable of accommodating Zoom. Location will be sent out prior to next month's meeting.

3. Agency and Department Updates

- a. City of Bloomington Parks & Recreation (Rebecca Swift)
 - i. Adopt-A-Stream/Hoosier Riverwatch Training- Staff attended HRW Instructor training put on by IDEM. Now staff can host a Basic Training Workshop for volunteers. More details to come on when those will be hosted by BPRD and MCPR. Virtual 'Adopt' Volunteer Orientation on March 29th for Adopt-A-Stream, Adopt-A-Trail, and Adopt-A-Greenspace programs. Deadline to register for these programs is March 14th.
 - ii. Earth Day 2022 Celebration (April 22nd @ RCA Community Park) – Both virtual and in-person event, including weed wrangle, tree planting demo, and walking tour of rain gardens at SYP. Learn more about day of logistics by visiting the webpage. Submit educational videos to Lauren Clemens in ESD. Drop-off printed educational materials to Rebecca Swift at City Hall for day of distribution.
 1. Webpage: <https://bloomington.in.gov/sustainability/earthday>
 2. Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/658500665289118?ref=wsfeed>
 - iii. Nature Day Programs- Griffy Lake Nature Days resume on March 24th and Leonard Springs Nature Days resume on March 29th. Only a few dates this semester due to higher chances of rain. Programs include educational stations on water quality monitoring and aquatic species identification. Anyone interested in helping with these programs, contact Rebecca Swift.

- iv. OuterSpatial Mobile App- Download the free mobile app for the City of Bloomington. Includes all City properties, trails, and park amenities. Promotes upcoming educational programs, large community events, volunteer opportunities, and curated outings. Ex: Walking Tour of Miller-Showers Park.
 - 1. Webpage: <https://bloomington.in.gov/parks/parks-mobile-app>
- b. The Go Green District- Adopt-A-Road (Elisa Pokral)
 - i. <https://www.gogreendistrict.com/adopt-a-road>
- c. City of Bloomington MS4 (Kat Zaiger)
 - i. Adopt-a-drain program now includes park drains
 - ii. New videos coming out soon for Earth Month
- d. SWCD (Martha Miller)
 - i. Expansion of soil-sampling program
 - ii. NOI to reopen the Bean Blossom Watershed group
 - iii. Black Loam conference this weekend.
https://www.ccsin.org/event-details/indiana-black-loam-conference-bloomington?utm_campaign=c73f0719-a00b-4f50-a757-28742e001415&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=dde72eff-a9db-46fd-8368-6ee22d20a410
 - iv. Wetlands Field Day in partnership with Sycamore Land Trust is in planning stages for this Fall.
- e. MC Parks and Recreation (Autumn Brunelle)
 - i. 3/22 1p-3p There will be a garlic mustard pull along Jackson Creek on the Limestone Greenway.

4. Public Input

- a. N/A

5. Adjournment

- a. Date of Next Meeting: Monday April 11, 2022 at 10:30am, HYBRID
 - i. Zoom link remains the same. In-person room TBD.