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**Meeting Agenda – Bacon Creek Watershed Council**  
**August 24, 2016**

Attendance:

**1. Current Grant Update**

Everyone greeted one another, and Tessa updated the group on the new FY2013 grant from the KY Division of Conservation and Division of Water. The grant is a 319 Nonpoint Source 60-40 matching grant with \$138,363 in federal funding and \$92,242 needed in project matching funds. The matching funds can be derived from many sources, including cash, volunteer hours, event rental space, donated items such as supplies and food, and other things. Additionally, the Best Management Practices (BMPs) program participants are required to provide match which counts toward the project total. Current numbers:

- For Ag work, we have spent approximately \$13,560 on fencing, stream crossing, and forage/biomass to reduce soil erosion.
- For Septic, completed one pump out; have several applications that I'm hoping to get back soon, had several more that were outside the watershed.

The project includes two types of BMPs: septic system replacement and agricultural conservation practices. Each type has its own application form (available at Bonnierville City Hall or on the KWA website: <http://kwalliance.org/what-we-do/watershed-planning/current-projects/bacon-creek-watershed>).

The septic system project aims to replace failing septic systems that are contributing bacteria to the creek. Tessa has written a BMP implementation plan that has been approved by the KY Division of Conservation. It is available for anyone to see, simply request a copy from her.

Mark Howell is again leading the agricultural BMP program. He gave a report to the group. He has started reaching out to area farmers, encouraging them to update their KY Agricultural Water Quality Plans and sign up for KY State Cost-share funding as well as our project.

**2. Projects**

Tim updated everyone on the ag BMPs installed under the current grant and on septic work completed.

Mark provided details about projects completed and the Hines' gully project in the works.

Tim asked everyone for ways that we can get the word out on septic money available. We need to get that work going! How?

- Linda—hard because it's the upper watershed

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- Issues with people not knowing if they qualify—need maps (8.5x11 for printing)
- Postcard with map on it?
- Getting more people at meetings—need food and guest speaker(s)
  - Ms. Peak spoke on septic systems (maybe with the KY On site wastewater association?)
- Map that can be printed and put on a stand or wall
- Linda—cave country trails initiative—give postcard to board members
- Bonita—bonnieville FB and Bacon Creek FB
- Judy—maybe contact old recipients that had straight pipes with septic installed to contact others;
- Judy---make sure health department gets them as well
- Judy—make sure the contractors/businesses for septic work will inform others about the program

### 3. News from Bacon Creek Review

- Comments on content?
- Edits on content
- Send to Tim by
- Possible future articles?
  - Frenchman’s Knob Preserve update? Check with historical society
  - Joanna—spotlight on past septic tank reno; Suella suggested then using that to make the ask to come to the next meeting—**try and get that meeting at the Three Forks Baptist Church (new extension agent Janey Clines might be her church; reach out to her)**
- Mark—vacation bible schools at churches...how can we sponsor something related to VBS; Joanna maybe look at budget and talk...but might be too late for this grant but we have **education and outreach money; Project WET, painting rain barrels? Rain garden?**
- Linda—church’s ladies club
- Bonita/Linda—might get the paper to do an article
- Suella—need to make sure our contacts list is sufficient and hitting the right crowd; Joanna—**send this to the extension agents**
- Linda—**rotary and Lions club always looking for ideas/things to talk about**

### 4. Activities

- Education and outreach options/activities
  - **Rain barrel with VBS? Get kids to paint them and raffle them off**
  - Linda - Cloverbuds?
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- Cleanups?
- Getting high school kids involved -- Bacon Creek Youth Corps?
  - Mark – high school has an “enviro” class

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- Judy—**check Tessa’s sign in sheet; she had a class that came out to the field day; Steve Kissler is also a member and would probably know people to talk with at the schools**
- Linda – **Teen Leadership; plan a project**

#### 5. Upcoming meeting dates

- Alternative locations? Days/times?
  - Three Forks Church—try for Tuesday or Thursday; 5:30CT and have food
- Next fourth Weds: Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, then likely week of Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, then April 26<sup>th</sup>
- Topics for having a speaker?
  - Septic –KY Onsite WW Association....or someone else? Ms. Peak was a state person...
  - Mussels guy with forest service
  - Linda—need to hit the cave people more; Friends with Mammoth Cave—Helen Siewers
  - Judy—someone with Roundstone Seed
  - Joanna—Matt Powell with Clean Water Act presentation, Bowling Green Stormwater
  - Mike Hensley with TNC to talk about the preserve
  - Richie Kessler to talk about the Heritage Land Fund, Frenchman’s Knob