

Harrods Creek Watershed Team Meeting – August 27, 2014

Attendees: Brooke Shireman, Emily Hogue, Ward Wilson, Austin Musselman, Louise Allen, Alice Gunnison, Rob Newman, Kurt Mason, Brigette Williams, Rosalind Streeter, Tavia Cathcart Brown, and Tessa Edelen. *Notes prepared by Tessa Edelen. Meeting took place at Creasey CreMahan Nature Preserve.*

1. Introductions and Overview

Everyone introduced themselves. Tessa gave a general overview of the Harrods Creek Watershed planning project.

2. Mission Statement and Logo Discussion

It had previously been suggested by team members that the group have a clear mission statement and a logo. Austin told the group about some logo and website ideas. The discussion about a mission statement will take place at a later meeting.

3. Event Planning

Meeting attendees broke into three groups to brainstorm events for the Harrods Creek Watershed Team. The purpose of the events may range from educational to volunteer recruitment to fundraising. Everyone was asked to focus not only on the ideas, but the detailed planning such when, where, who, and how as well. Each group then reported back to the team.

Group 1

Group 1 advised making a Blackout Date list. They took a seasonal approach to event ideas:

Autumn

- Amazing Watershed Challenge
- Bat Education
- Night Photography

Winter

- Wildlife Tracking
- Pecha Kucha

Spring and Summer

- Creek Seining (on private land or at Covered Bridge Road)
- Clean-up
- Wildflower Hike
- Salamander Egg Hunt
- Duck Boxes and Bird Houses
- Native Plant Education

Group 2

- Biological and Habitat Sampling Training: this could take place in April or May of 2015 and could be led by the Salt River Watershed Watch group.

- Trash Mobs: this idea is to do short, frequent clean-ups with a social component afterwards. For example, pick up trash for one hour in downtown LaGrange, and then go out for ice cream. This gets rid of trash and thus keeps it from washing into the creek. It's also an opportunity to talk about stormwater pollution and watershed basics. Need to get in touch with the Oldham County Solid Waste Coordinator.

- Wolfstock: collaborate with Creasey Mahan on this August event. Put Harrods Creek logo on doggie waste bags and give out to people for free. This would also be a potential speaking engagement.

Group 3

- Creasey Mahan Wildflower Walk expanded to Wildflowers and Water: this Creasey Mahan event is tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2015. There are springs and sinkholes on the property that would provide great teaching opportunities.

- Creasey Mahan event Froggie Day could be adapted to include watershed education messages. This event is scheduled for June 20, 2015.

- Nature Slam (a Pecha Kucha style event): could be a family-friendly event (to include beer and wine) possibly at Fox Hollow (if they are amenable).

- Paddle and Picnic on Harrods Creek – this could be an educational/interpretive event. Need to find a good place to launch and picnic. Also may need to find a source of boats.

- Louisville 50 Boat Race – Oct. 4, 2015. We could table this event.

- Tour of Farms of Oldham County: event scheduled for July 2015. We could table this event.

4. Announcements and Next Steps

- The Amazing Watershed Challenge is Sept. 27. Sign up now for this free event!!
- Our next meeting will likely be in early November. Stay tuned! Tessa will send out meeting notes with many opportunities to volunteer to plan events.

All Harrods Creek stakeholders are invited to the meeting and to all subsequent project activities. If you're interested in getting involved, contact Tessa Edelen at tessa@kwalliance.org or (502) 589-8008. Visit the project webpage: www.HarrodsCreek.org

Upcoming Events and Holidays in Oldham and Jefferson Counties

This list is for planning purposes only; it is not exhaustive. We don't want to schedule our events on dates when big games, other volunteer group major events, or holidays are already scheduled.

Date	Time	Event	Organization
Sept. 27	tba	Home UL Football game	U of L
Oct. 10	tba	Home UL Football game	U of L
Oct. 30	tba	Home UL Football game	U of L
Nov. 29	tba	Home UL Football game	U of L
Nov. 17	tba	Home UL Bball game	U of L
Nov. 21	9 p.m.	Home UL Bball game	U of L
Nov. 24	tba	Home UL Bball game	U of L
Nov. 26	tba	Home UL Bball game	U of L
Dec. 2	9:30 p.m.	Home UL Bball game	U of L
Dec. 5	tba	Home UL Bball game	U of L
Dec. 14	6 p.m.	Home UL Bball game	U of L
Dec. 23	tba	Home UL Bball game	U of L
Dec. 27	2 p.m.	UK/UL Basketball game	UK and U of L
Dec. 30	tba	Home UL Bball game	U of L
Jan. 7	9 p.m.	Home UL Bball game	U of L
Jan. 13	7 p.m.	Home UL Bball game	U of L
Jan. 17	Noon	Home UL Bball game	U of L
Jan. 31	4 or 7 p.m.	Home UL Bball game	U of L
Feb. 11	8 p.m.	Home UL Bball game	U of L
Feb. 14	4 p.m.	Home UL Bball game	U of L
Feb. 21	2 p.m.	Home UL Bball game	U of L
March 4	7 p.m.	Home UL Bball game	U of L
March 7	tba	Home UL Bball game	U of L
March 10-14		ACC men's basketball tourney	U of L
Sept. 27	7:30 p.m.	Home UK football game	UK
Oct. 4	tba	Home UK football game	UK
Oct. 11	tba	Home UK football game	UK
Oct. 25	tba	Home UK football game	UK
Nov. 8	tba	Home UK football game	UK
Nov. 29	tba	UK/UL Football Game	In Louisville
Nov. 2	tba	Home UK bball game	UK
Nov. 7	tba	Home UK bball game	UK
Nov. 14	tba	Home UK bball game	UK
Nov. 16	noon	Home UK bball game	UK
Nov. 21	tba	Home UK bball game	UK
Nov. 23	tba	Home UK bball game	UK
Nov. 25	tba	Home UK bball game	UK
Nov. 30	2 p.m.	Home UK bball game	UK
Dec. 5	7 p.m.	Home UK bball game	UK
Dec. 7	tba	Home UK bball game	UK
Dec. 10	7 p.m.	Home UK bball game	UK

Dec. 13	Noon	Home UK bball game	UK
Jan. 6	7 p.m.	Home UK bball game	UK
Jan. 13	9 p.m.	Home UK bball game	UK
Jan. 20	9 p.m.	Home UK bball game	UK
Jan. 31	tba	Home UK bball game	UK
Feb. 3	7 p.m.	Home UK bball game	UK
Feb. 14	2 p.m.	Home UK bball game	UK
Feb. 21	6 p.m.	Home UK bball game	UK
Feb. 28	4 p.m.	Home UK bball game	UK
March 7	2 p.m.	Home UK bball game	UK
March 11-15	tba	SEC men's basketball tourney	UK
March 17-April 6	tba	NCAA men's basketball tourney	UK and U of L

Community Events

Creasey Mahan

- Oct. 4, 3-9 p.m. - The Haunted Hike
- Dec. 6, noon to 3 p.m. – Nature of Christmas in Goshen
- February 21 - Great Backyard Bird Count, 10 am to 1 p.m.
- March 21 – Rescuing Baby Animals, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- April 18 – Spring Wildflowers Saturday
- May 16 – Explorer Day, 10 -2
- May 30 – Spring Camp Out, overnight

Fox Hollow

- Oct. 11 - Annual Fall Festival
- Nov.13-16 – North American Biodynamic Conference

Oldham County

- Sept. 26 – Historical Society Gala

Yew Dell

- Oct. 10 – Twilight in the Garden 6:30 – 10 p.m.

River Fields

- early September – Annual River Celebration.

Louisville

- April 18-May 2, 2015 - Derby Festival. Thunder is April 18th.

Bernheim

- Oct. 18 -19– Color Fest

Floyds Fork

No big events currently listed

Religious Holidays

- April 3 – Good Friday; start of Passover
- April 5- Easter

School breaks

- Oct. 20-24 Oldham County Fall Break
- April 6-10 Oldham and Jefferson Counties Spring Break

KWA

- Oct. 10 – KWA Gala 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Nov. 15 – KWA Annual Meeting 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- March 13 – Wild and Scenic Film Festival

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- April 17 – Harrods Creek Party at Ashbourne Farms