

# TTK Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

## Tuesday, October 29th, 2013



### Attendees

Josh Brosmer, IDEM, Charles Haney, Hoosier Energy, Bruce Marheine, WLRM, Trey Clark, WLRM, Bradley Smith, TNC, and Laura (Young) Demarest, WCIWA Watershed Coordinator

### Grant Status

Discussion about the origins of the Turtle Creek Watershed project was introduced. An old stakeholder mailing list was found in past records that could be updated for continued use. It was determined that advertising should have been done for this meeting and will be done for the next meeting to ensure stakeholder awareness and to increase interest. The grant has a 3.5 year timeline, but will be executed in 3 years. It is believed that the budget can be utilized in 3 years and all components completed within the time frame successfully. The total budget for the grant is \$263,700, which includes \$132,000 of cost-share funds.

### “House-keeping”

Ideas for continued stakeholder recruitment were discussed, including using the old stakeholder list and advertising in the newspaper after the holidays. Options for how the Advisory Committee could be managed were discussed; whether or not the committee members felt it would be necessary to elect officers and/or designate subcommittees (not at this time), as well as what expectations there were for the coordinator. The frequency of meetings was also discussed. A public meeting will be held again after the holidays (January 2014), however the small group present agreed to offer input for QAPP drafting, which would need to be completed before the end of November.

### QAPP (Quality Assurance Project Plan)

Due to budget constraints carried over from when the grant application was written, monitoring will need to be curtailed to no more than 20 sites for 12 months. Originally, over 40 water monitoring points were proposed. A new strategy for designating a limited number of sample points will need to be enacted. Some funding for sampling done around the Turtle Creek reservoir will be provided by Hoosier Energy – additional input and approval will be needed to determine if the sites selected are satisfactory. It was also suggested that some sites could be tested only for macroinvertebrates or just using the YSI probe, the flow meter, and other visual techniques to save money when it comes to lab samples. It was asked that any pertinent input be submitted before the end of November, which is when the first draft of the QAPP will be submitted. It is hoped that water monitoring can begin early 2014. The present members of the Advisory Committee suggested that the coordinator submit proposed monitoring points to them for review. Further changes could be discussed and made via email communication.

### WMP (Watershed Management Plan)

A bulk of the first component of the grant will be to complete a Watershed Management Plan. This must occur before cost-share implementation can begin. It is hoped that the WMP can be completed by Fall 2014. The Advisory Committee needs to determine priorities, either by stakeholder surveys/input, asking local representatives, using existing data (modeling programs, past data, aerial photography), and through windshield surveys and on-the-ground observations. More methods will be discussed at the next public meeting.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm  
Summary prepared by Laura Demarest, WCIWA Coordinator*