

# TTK Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

## Tuesday, January 14th, 2014



### Attendees

Josh Brosmer, IDEM, Charles Haney, Hoosier Energy, Lon Petts, Hoosier Energy, Trey Clark, WLRM, Bradley Smith, TNC, Don Chesnut, Hoosier Energy, Joe Eslinger, stakeholder, Paul Gettinger, stakeholder, John “Jack” Gettinger, stakeholder, Ray McCammon, stakeholder and County Commissioner, and Laura (Young) Demarest, WCIWA Watershed Coordinator

### QAPP (Quality Assurance Project Plan) Update

Current status of the QAPP was discussed. To date, the document is still being drafted, but 29 monitoring points have been chosen; 20 will be paid for with TTK funds (monthly monitoring for one year) and the 9 additional sites will be funded by Hoosier Energy, including two sites for pesticide/herbicide testing. Macroinvertebrate and QHEI (habitat) assessments will be done annually, with possible additional evaluations to be considered for the Kelley Bayou oxbow area.

The possibility of students helping with samples was suggested, but due to the training and time required to conduct sampling, this may not be ideal. However, it may be possible to include students/volunteers in macroinvertebrate sampling or additional studies in the Kelley Bayou area.

Sites were reviewed to be adequate. The goals of the study were explained, which is to say, these tests would be mostly baseline, as not much sampling has been done throughout the watershed at this time. Flooding may affect our ability to collect samples in some places, but this data will serve a great preliminary source of information for future comparisons.

### 2014 Outlook and Beyond

Goals for the upcoming year were summarized. QAPP draft will be submitted within the month to enable sampling to start this spring. Sampling will continue monthly for one year. Meanwhile, the comprehensive Watershed Management Plan will be developed, using this data and information from other sources including stakeholder input and windshield surveys. Windshield surveys will commence when the weather improves. Final draft of the WMP will be submitted in the fall of 2014. After this document is approved, plans for cost-share implementation can commence.

Long term plans for the TTK watershed were also discussed, including the need to apply for additional implementation funding through 319 grants, to take place as this current project finalizes in 2016. The application deadline is August of this year; it is planned to submit an application at this early stage in the event that it is not awarded, an additional application can be submitted the following year to increase chances of additional funding for the year 2016 and beyond, without a lapse. Information used to develop the current WMP will be instrumental in the application process for additional funding.

### WMP (Watershed Management Plan) Development

The starting point of the WMP is to collect and prioritize stakeholder concerns within the watershed, which will later be prioritized and addressed, within the parameters of the 319 Grant. A healthy discussion of a wide variety of resource (and other) concerns was catalogued into list form (please see attached page). Contributions from various stakeholders and other interested parties fueled the conversation; input from representatives within the watershed is crucial at this stage when it comes to determining chief concerns and will enable a strong focus during planning and implementation phases. Continued input is welcome and interested parties are encouraged to submit additional concerns via email or phone call at any time.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm  
Summary prepared by Laura Demarest, WCIWA Coordinator*