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Progress Report Delavan Lake Watershed Initiative Network August 15, 2011

Delavan Lake WIN Project Manager Maggie Zoellner last reported to the Delavan Lake Sanitary District board on May 18, 2011 to review the project progress; and July 28th 2011 to give an informational presentation along with Mary Knipper, KMLT Vice-President and Jeff Thornton, Principal Planner for SEWRPC and author of A Lake Management Plan for Delavan Lake (2002). A link to the July 28th presentation can be found on both the DLSD and KMLT websites.

Major highlights and progress of Kettle Moraine Land Trust's work to build and facilitate the Delavan Lake Watershed Initiative Network (WIN) since the last report are:

- The June monthly Delavan Lake WIN meeting was held on Thursday, June 30th.

Members present:

Jim D'Antuono	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Gerri Green	Walworth County Association of Lakes
Sue Heffron	Delavan Lake Improvement Association
Mary Knipper	Kettle Moraine Land Trust
Peg Reedy	UW Extension
Jeff Thornton	Southeastern WI Regional Planning Commission
Charlie Handel	Delavan Lake Sanitary District
Karen von Huene	Wisconsin Association of Lakes
Tom Slawski	Southeastern WI Regional Planning Commission
Terry Weter	City of Elkhorn
Maggie Zoellner	Delavan Lake WIN Project Manager

Four citizens observed the meeting. Rebecca Dill of Biodiversity Project provided additional meeting facilitation. During the meeting members designated the top 14 ranked actions in order of importance depending upon two sets of criteria:

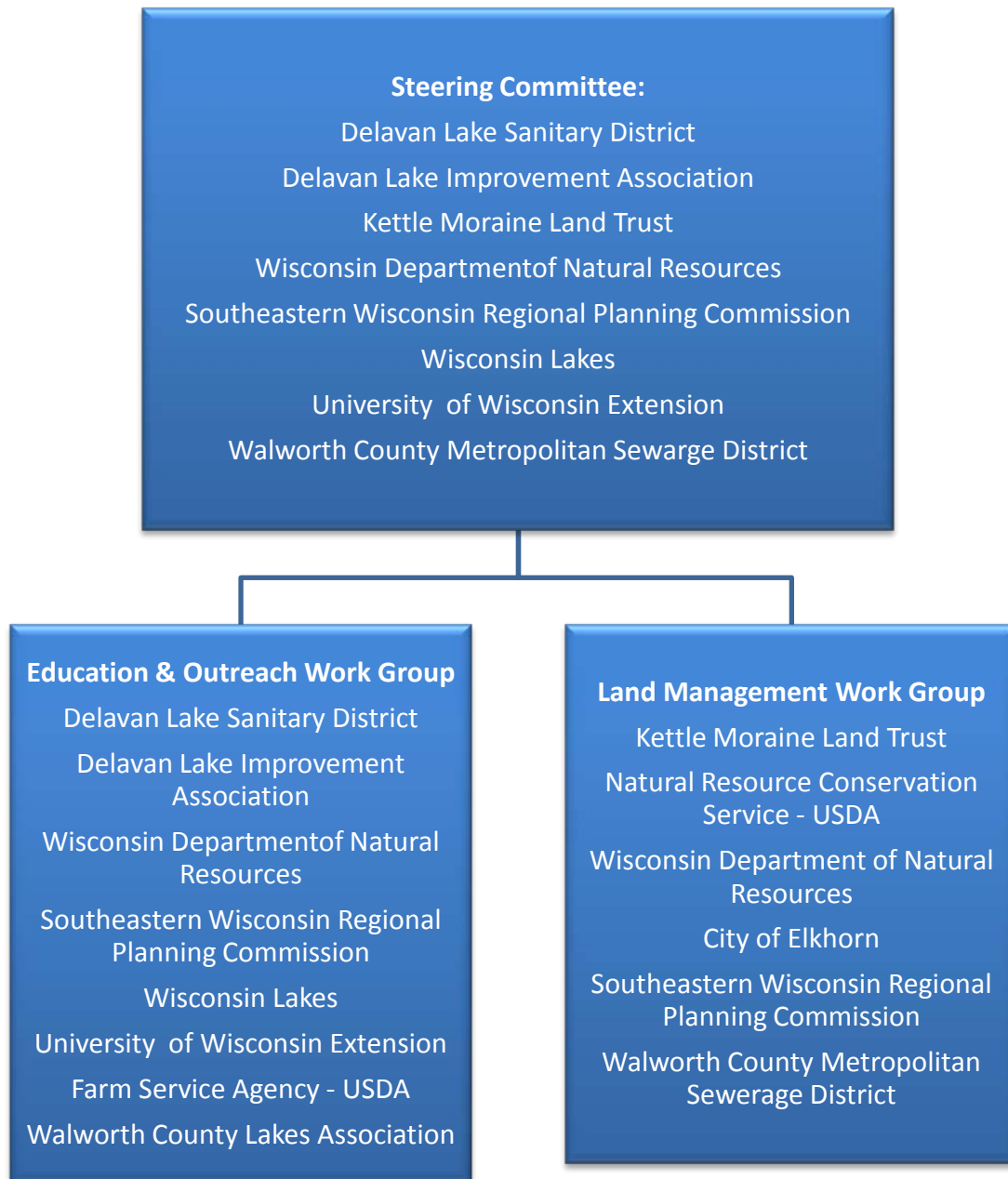
1. What actions are most important to the health of the watershed?
2. Which actions can Delavan Lake WIN have the greatest impact in achieving?

The group then further analyzed the top ranking actions that fit both categories and arrived at 4 main tasks for the group to focus on for the 2 year work plan:

1. Urban Non-Point Source Pollution Abatement
 2. Establishment of Buffers & Protection/Restoration of Wetlands
 3. Lake Monitoring
 4. Seek Funding
- The July monthly Delavan Lake WIN meeting was held on Thursday, July 28th. Members present:

Jim D’Antuono	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Josh Clements	UW Extension
Gerri Green	Walworth County Association of Lakes
Greg Igl	Natural Resources Conservation Service - USDA
Sue Heffron	Delavan Lake Improvement Association
Mary Knipper	Kettle Moraine Land Trust
Tom Oasen	Farm Service Agency - USDA
Peg Reedy	UW Extension
Jeff Thornton	Southeastern WI Regional Planning Commission
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Rebecca Dill of Biodiversity Project provided additional meeting facilitation. The group began working on implementation plans for each of the selected actions, organized themselves into workgroups and accepted steering committee roles. The organization of Delavan Lake WIN currently is:



- The next DL WIN meetings are Workgroup meetings scheduled August 17th for Education & Outreach at UW Extension offices, and August 18th at KMLT offices for the Land Management workgroup. The workgroups will continue adding details to the implementation plans and prepare the 2-year work plan for public comment.

- A public presentation about Delavan Lake WIN was given on May 28th at the annual “State of the Lake” event at Community Park, and an informational booth was staffed at the annual Walworth County Dairy Breakfast.
- Articles have recently appeared in Walworth County Today, the Lake Geneva Regional News and the Delavan Enterprise about the goals and purpose of Delavan Lake WIN. A radio interview was also given in early June for Fort Atkinson radio station WFAW.
- The Wisconsin DNR has awarded the Delavan Lake WIN project a grant for \$10,000 to cover the cost of a River Protection and Planning Grant for Jackson Creek. The cost share required for this grant is in-kind education and outreach from the partner organizations over a two year period in the amount of \$3,500, and printing of educational material for \$2,000. Delavan Lake WIN member SEWRPC is also contributing additional in kind assistance valued at approximately \$7,500 to complete the plan.
- A stream restoration/stabilization project budget is being developed. Estimates to produce a plan set for a stream stabilization project on Jackson Creek have been sought from six firms. Two estimates have been received that range from approximately \$30,000 - \$60,000.
- Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District (WalCoMet) has officially joined the WIN; Karla Eggink, Administrator is their representative. WalCoMet expects significant increases in the cost of meeting the Rock River TMDL threshold for phosphorus in their discharge water and is looking for ways to offset some of these costs rather than passing them on to their customers.
- A presentation about the purpose and goals of Delavan Lake WIN was given to the Town of Geneva board on August 8th. Board supervisors from the Town will be attending the next workgroup meetings. The next Steering Committee Meeting for Delavan Lake WIN is September 29, 2011, 9:00 am at KMLT offices.