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Progress Report - Delavan Lake Watershed Initiative Network
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Major highlights and progress of Kettle Moraine Land Trust's work to facilitate the Delavan Lake Watershed Initiative Network (WIN) since the last monthly report are described below.

1. The Delavan Lake WIN Steering Committee meeting was held on September 29h at the Kettle Moraine Land Trust office. Members present included:

Mary Knipper	KMLT
Peg Reedy	UW Extension
Jeff Thornton	Southeastern WI Regional Planning Commission
Charlie Handel	Delavan Lake Sanitary District
Maureen McBroom	Wisconsin DNR
Sue Heffron	Delavan Lake Improvement Association

Visitors included Andy Selle of inter-fluve and Merilee Holst. The expanded Delavan Lake monitoring program was discussed and the recommendations by SEWRPC reviewed. The recommended level of monitoring is analogous to the USGS monitoring of Delavan Lake that occurred in the past. The differences are that the data will be collected by DLSD staff and possibly trained volunteers instead of USGS staff, and the analysis will be done by the Water and Environmental Analysis Lab (WEAL) located at UW Stevens Point. The central deep hole location will continue to be the primary sampling location with the potential to add north and south sample locations as funding allows. The potential to partner with UW Whitewater to assist with the sampling effort, conduct student research, and to provide field experience to young water resource professionals is being explored by Delavan Lake WIN members, the Town of Delavan and UW Whitewater. Confirmation of automatic data transfer to the WDNR is being established, as well as reviewing the monitoring protocols. Training needs and opportunities are being identified as well as locating and/or purchasing any additional necessary equipment.

Other items under consideration by the Steering Committee are identifying additional budgetary needs of the work plan. The next Steering Committee meeting is December 1 2011. Steering Committee meetings planed for 2012 are: February 23, April 26, June 28, August 30, October 25 and December 6th, 2012. Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed.

2. The Delavan Lake WIN request for website development resulted in 5 proposals being received. The proposals were reviewed and evaluated by members of the Education &

Outreach workgroup and two proposals were selected for further consideration. These consultants are being contacted and asked to provide additional information. The anticipated launch date for the website is December 2011.

3. Field inspections of the projects completed to date with Mississippi River Healthy Basins Initiative (MRBI) are underway. These inspections document the success of the installed practices. The Natural Resource Conservation Service and Walworth County Land Use Resource Management Department certify that the installations meet the required specifications and guidelines for maintenance. The Delavan Lake WIN has provided some of the landowners' additional incentive payments to install the conservation practices that improve water quality. Once the practices are certified and the Delavan Lake WIN project manager has inspected the project site, incentive payments are released.

The next Land Management meeting is a field meeting on October 20th at Millie's Pancake House parking lot at 1:30 PM. The workgroup will review the information provided by Heidi Bunk and UW Whitewater regarding the lake monitoring program; and review potential buffer & wetland project sites.

The next Education & Outreach meeting is November 16, 2011 when the draft website layout will be reviewed and planning details worked out for the 2012 watershed tours.