

2.1 Wind Point Watershed Planning Committee Mission

he Wind Point Watershed Planning Committee (WPWPC) is comprised of watershed stakeholders dedicated to the preservation, protection, and improvement of Wind Point watershed. The WPWPC's mission follows:

"The Wind Point Watershed Planning Committee's mission is to realize a healthy watershed and lakefront for future generations by implementing a long term plan to protect, restore, and manage the cultural and ecological aspects of green infrastructure within Wind Point watershed through watershed plan implementation, education, and stewardship"

2.2 Goals & Objectives

atershed stakeholders were first presented with information about the character and quality of watershed resources over the course of several Phase I meetings prior to developing goals. Next, five general goals topics that address the issues in Wind Point watershed were selected. Stakeholders were then given the opportunity to vote on goals they felt were most important.

The voting process occurred following the Phase I Wing Point Summit meeting held on November, 2013. Each stakeholder was given

five votes. Each person was allowed to use up to two votes on a single goal if he or she felt strongly about it. The voting process helped focus on goals that need to be adequately addressed in the planning process and within this watershed plan report. Tallied votes by goal topic are as follows:

- Green Infrastructure Network 23 votes
- 2. Education & Stewardship *18 votes*
- 3. Surface Water Quality- 16 votes
- 4. Communication & Coordination *15 votes*
- 5. Groundwater Quantity & Quality– 7 votes

Objectives for each goal were also formulated and are very specific where appropriate and designed to be measurable so that future progress toward meeting goals can be assessed. Goals and objectives ultimately lead to the development of action items. The Management Measures Action Plan section of this report is geared toward addressing watershed goals by recommending programmatic and site specific Management Measure actions to address each goal. The goals and objectives are examined in more detail when measuring plan progress and success via milestones and "Report Cards" in Section 9.2.

Goal 1: Manage cultural and ecological components of the Green Infrastructure Network.

Objectives:

- 1. Include the identified Green Infrastructure Network in all county and municipal comprehensive plans and development review maps.
- 2. Develop recommendations for adoption of conservation or low impact design standards for all new and redevelopment within the Green Infrastructure Network.
- 3. Develop and implement restoration and management plans for all protected natural areas.
- 4. Incorporate natural landscaping into golf courses.

Goal 2: Implement watershed educational, stewardship, and recreational opportunities.

Objectives:

- 1. Increase environmental and recreational stewardship by recruiting volunteers.
- 2. Inform public officials on the benefits of conservation and low impact development and importance of ordinance language changes that promotes these developments.
- 3. Create targeted educational information for land owners adjacent to tributaries and lakeshore.
- 4. Install watershed interpretation signage at public access points and major roads.
- 5. Develop recommendations and alternatives for fertilizer, road salt, and pet waste disposal.
- 6. Educate the public about protecting shallow aquifer water quality and quantity.

Goal 3: Improve surface water quality to meet applicable standards.

Objectives:

- 1. Stabilize 8,685 linear feet of highly eroded streambanks & ravines located along four "High Priority-Critical Areas". This includes stabilizing four stream headcuts as identified along Tributaries B, E, and F.
- 2. Stabilize 4,500 linear feet of highly eroded bluffs located along one "High Priority-Critical Area".
- 3. Restore 14,541 linear feet of riparian buffer along two "High Priority-Critical Areas".
- 4. Restore 270 acres of wetland at nine "High Priority-Critical Areas".
- 5. Retrofit eight "High Priority-Critical Area" detention basins.
- 6. Implement agricultural best management practices on seven sites totaling 975 acres identified as "High Priority-Critical Areas".
- 7. Continue water quality monitoring programs, specifically including Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Total Suspended Solids, and *E.coli*.

Goal 4: Increase communication and coordination among stakeholders.

Objectives:

- 1. Encourage governing bodies to adopt the Wind Point Watershed-Based Plan.
- 2. Develop a "Watershed Planning Council" as part of Phase III efforts that meets quarterly to discuss implementation and restoration campaigns.
- 3. Encourage amendments of municipal comprehensive plans, codes, and ordinances to include watershed plan recommendations.
- 4. Encourage and support business and agricultural communities and other stakeholder efforts to implement recommended actions within the watershed plan.

Goal 5: Improve groundwater recharge to maintain shallow aquifers and reduce stormwater runoff.

Objectives:

- 1. Encourage residents and businesses to install rain gardens and rain barrels.
- 2. Implement model groundwater recharge policies for development in all "High" and "Very High" groundwater recharge potential areas.
- 3. Encourage use of Stormwater Treatment Train designs within new and redevelopment.

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