

## **SHHA Creek/Flood Committee**

**May 11, 2013**

### **Meeting Summary/Next Steps**

**Meeting Attendees:** Katie Rice, Chris Arisian, Tom Fernwood, Cindy Geofft, Laurie Friedman, Patti Vance, David Clevenger, Connie Berto, Walter Kolon, Nancy Vernon

**Purpose of Meeting:** for subcommittees and County to report out progress; to determine strategy for obtaining Right of Entry waivers from residents on creek and potential dates for Creek Stewardship Workshop and Creek Cleaning Event

#### **Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Creek Stewardship/Volunteer Committee** – Sleepy Hollow Creek Stewardship Kick-Off Meeting held at the Civic Center in early April; participants from committee included Mark, Laurie, Cindy and Patti; County staff presented an overview of good creek cleaning practices and relayed the importance of creek stewardship; the group also discussed the need/process for obtaining Right of Entry waivers from creekside residents; Nancy to explore having kick-off powerpoint presentation put on website
- **Assessment Committee** – Map of problem areas is currently in progress; Neighborhood teams and plans of action will be developed for each problem area; Map will be posted on SHHA webpage
- **Communications Committee** – Creek Committee has own page on SHHA website and now features a list of resources for creek stewardship, ranging from native planting choices to annual maintenance; Communications committee will focus on outreach once dates are set for Creek Stewardship Workshop and Creek Cleaning Event – outreach will include signage, tabling at other local events (e.g. Fourth of July), email, bulletin and web presence; Cindy and Patti to work with Nancy on communications and specifically focus on community outreach

#### **County Report.**

- The County awarded a Community Partnership grant to support Creek Committee/Community stewardship and flood prevention activities. A hydrologist has been retained to provide initial assessment of

historical/recurring flood problems and provide guidance on potential solutions

### **Waiver/Strategy Plan**

Waivers from property owners along creek must be obtained in order for County staff to complete creek assessment and train volunteers for creek cleaning. Rite of Entry waivers were sent out in mid-April and currently 38 out of 120 have been returned. Committee agreed to divide list of remaining residents and go door to door to get signatures by the end of May. Volunteers will have copies of cover letter from Dan Stein and waiver with them and Nancy will forward suggested talking points to committee early the week of 5/13 as well as digital copies of cover letter and waiver.

List is divided as follows:

- Section 1 on Butterfield – Tom
- Section 2 on Butterfield – Katie
- Section 3 on Butterfield – Patti
- Section 4 on Deer Hollow/Catskill – Patti and Chris
- Section 5 on Dutch Valley Lane/20 Manitou – Dave
- Section 5 on Fawn Drive/Green Valley Ct – Katie
- Section 6 on Ichabod Ct – Katie
- Section 6 on Katrina – Patti
- Section 7 on Tappan – Nancy to ask one of Tappan neighbors
- Section 8 on Van Ripper/Van Winkle – Katie to ask Sue Herman

Cindy offered to call any residents that volunteers weren't able to reach by door to door efforts. Volunteers to call (455-0966) or email Cindy at [mgoefft@comcast.net](mailto:mgoefft@comcast.net) with names/addresses that need follow up.

### **Events**

- Creek Stewardship Workshop: proposed dates are Saturday, August 24 or Sunday, August 25 for a 2 to 3 hour time period. County staff is available for both those dates. Cindy and Patti to check on availability of SHHA clubhouse as well as for any conflict with community events.
- The Fall Creek/Water Cleaning event: proposed dates are Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8. Two days will be scheduled at this time, but amount of time needed depends on County assessment in early June. Cindy and Patti to check on any potential conflicts with community events.

Once event dates are finalized, Nancy, Cindy and Patti will meet to plan marketing/outreach plan for both events.

**Parking Lot (ideas we don't want to forget):**

- Winter storm awareness is a key goal of committee; we want all residents to be aware of the importance of keeping all waterways free and clear of debris to prevent flooding problems during winter rains
- We need to involve/spread awareness to entire community
- The August workshop is focused on creek-cleaning and stewardship but September cleaning event needs to be broader

**Wrap Up/Next Steps:**

- Next meeting on **Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30am at 961 Butterfield Rd
- Nancy to forward Right of Entry waiver talking points/digital copies for door-to-door volunteers (week of 5/13)
- Nancy to explore putting Kick-off powerpoint presentation on website (week of 5/13)
- Nancy to explore whether verbal approval from resident will suffice for Right of Entry waiver (week of 5/13)
- Volunteers to walk door to door to get signed waivers and contact Cindy with those not reached (by end of May)
- Cindy and Laurie to confirm suggested dates for Creek Stewardship workshop and Creek Cleaning event; once confirmed, meeting of communications committee to develop marketing/outreach plan (by end of May)
- County staff to conduct creek assessment and train Mark, Eric, James (June 7)