

SWEET Meeting Minutes

Monday January 22, 2024 at 10:00am

This meeting was held virtually and in person.

Meeting Recording:

<https://www.co.monroe.in.us/egov/apps/events/calendar.egov?view=detail;id=4454>

Present: Rebecca Swift (City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation), Chloe (Intern for City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation), Maggie Sullivan (Friends of Lake Monroe), Kriste Lindberg (City of Bloomington Utilities), Adam Rickert (MC MS4)

1. Call to Order

2. Big Collaboration Items (those needing group discussion)

- a. Discussion of draft document of SWEET flyer

3. Agency and Department Updates

- a. a. City of Bloomington Utilities (Kriste Lindberg)
 - i. Recently hired an additional inspector (for construction) and he is an existing employee.
 - ii. Re-establishing working relationship with school district (MCCSC) post Covid.
 - iii. Residential stormwater grants, public meeting coming up in March.
 - iv. Adopt A Stream Orientation, see City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation.
 - v. Nature Days assistance, see City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation.
 - vi. MS4 meeting in May 2024, Hoosier Riverwatch training the day before.
 - vii. Kriste is a member of the Climate Change Resilience Task Force. Working on creating Pull out Sections Implementation Teams and Kriste is part of the Infrastructure Section.
 - viii. National Weather Service has citizen scientist program, CoCoRaHS. CBU is participating in CoCoRaHS to obtain accurate precipitation data and contribute data to NWS.
- b. Friends of Lake Monroe (Maggie Sullivan)
 - i. Most of the money for the Agricultural Conservation Cost Share Program has been allocated. Maggie is hoping to find a few more projects and have everything set up by the end of March.
 - ii. Working on a lot of septic education for 2024 and will be sending out a mailer to all of the households in the Lake Monroe Watershed. Friends of Lake Monroe has some additional funding from Monroe County Stormwater to do a

- voucher program where we will reimburse residents up to \$100 for having their septic tank pumped out.
- iii. Hoping to have educational events on importance of maintaining septic systems in Monroe, Brown and Jackson counties during 2024.
 - iv. Maggie has reached out to the Monroe County Health Department for the Septic System Workshops which in the past few years have been virtual and in person.
- c. City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation (Rebecca Swift)
- i. Virtual orientation for Adopt A Stream is scheduled for March 28, 2024. Currently have 21 Adopters coming out of the 2023 season. Always looking for new Adopters and specifically for a group that can adopt the daylighted section of Switchyard Park. Additional discussion on illicit discharges and/or drainage issues observed by participants and reporting those to City and/or County government. Rebecca indicated she would have a slide within the presentation covering such issues as well as adding contact information for Monroe County Highway Stormwater Program.
 - ii. Hosting Hoosier Riverwatch Instructor training on March 22, 2024. Co-hosting with Dylan Allison with IDEM and MC Parks and Rec at Karst Farm Park.
 - iii. Rebecca is currently attending Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy.
 - iv. For Nature Days, Volunteer Coordinator is setting up link for volunteers to teach.
 - v. Hosting monthly Climate Action Workshops at Switchyard Park, partnering with ESD. Workshops are typically 45 minutes and the plan is to record future workshops and post them on Parks and Rec website.
 - vi. City of Bloomington Parks and Rec and MC Parks and Rec hosted a Women in Nature Gaining Skills (WINGS) event on January 21, 2024 with 65 in attendance.
- d. Monroe County Parks and Recreation
- i. No report.
- e. Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District (Erica Eason)
- i. No report
- f. Monroe County Surveyor's Office (Trohn Enright-Randolph)
- i. No report
- g. Indiana University MS4 (Michael Dorsett)
- i. No report
- h. Town of Ellettsville MS4 (Dillon Plummer)
- i. No report

- i. Waste Reduction District of Monroe County (Elisa Pokral)
 - i. No report
- j. Monroe County Highway, MS4 (Adam Rickert)
 - i. Currently working on 2023 Annual Report and will reach out to SWEET members for info as necessary.
 - ii. Calendar of Events for 2024 on the Google drive has been updated, please update further as events are planned/organized.
 - iii. SWEET Facebook account will be used for now until SWEET webpage is developed. Rebecca asked If community events can be promoted/posted on SWEET FB account (as an **Event**) and SWEET members would accept event as a co-host so that post(s) would show up on SWEET account (and newsfeeds) of co-hosts.

4. Public Input

- a. No public input.

5. Reminders

- a. Tabling Collaboration - If you would like to coordinate to share tabling responsibilities at an upcoming event, post it to the [Event Calendar Spreadsheet](#) with a description, and note who has grouped together. Please also add it to the agenda for our next meeting, if there is time to do so, or send a note to the group that it is an option.

6. Adjournment

- a. Date of Next Meeting: Monday February 26, 2024 , HYBRID
 - i. Meeting links will be sent. In-person will be held in room 100B of Showers Building.