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To: Provost, Scott M - DNR
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Subject: RE: Water Quality Management Plan - City of Wisconsin Rapids

Outstanding as usual Scott. Thank you very much. I'll print this into a PDF and load it into their SWIMS file storage area (we have their SSA Project set up in SWIMS here). We can also make sure that your recommendations are incorporated into WATERS, which may not have an immediate impact but down may positively influence grant applications for the long-term. Thanks much for the feedback and taking the time to go to the meeting.

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Lisa,

I met with the Wisconsin Rapids Water Quality Committee today as per the earlier e-mail exchange. There was a good group for the initial meeting - officers were elected. I had a chance to cover the areas of interest we discussed plus a few others.

1) The main issue was to address the issue of WQ protection and development along Nepco Lake and the Four-mile Creek. They agreed to extend the proposed area after counseling with the Village of Port Edwards.

Two other minor issues:

1) I asked them to give some thought to connectivity of their sensitive areas. That is to mean that they give some thought about keeping stream corridors and wetlands connected to minimize fragmentation. This would help prevent flooding issues and enhance while enhancing water quality. Also, my main concern, to allow passage of wildlife to decrease car collisions.

2) I ask if they would consider more emphasis on infiltration of storm water instead of removal (i.e. gutters, sewers, etc) to increase groundwater recharge, especially in areas where once perennial streams have been replaced by ephemeral. The Village of Whiting does this with some easy methods but they usually don't fit into a "box of fixes" engineers are use to. They agreed to look into it.

3) Finally, I asked that they mention somewhere in their plan to mention improve stream quality such as habitat. This is so other groups who may have interest to do this can apply for grants to offset the costs. The High School had some interest at one time. It also opens the door for the local LWCD to get involved.

That's the long and short of it. Any questions let me know.

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