

**AGENDA
STORM WATER UTILITY
COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2011
ROOM 202
4:30 P.M.**

***Anthony Nudo, Chairman
G. John Ruffolo, Vice Chairman
Steve Bostrom***

***Patrick Juliana
Jan Michalski
Ray Misner***

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 Approval of minutes of regular meeting held on August 10, 2011.

C. REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- C-1 Approval of Professional Service Agreement with Applied Ecological Services for the River Crossing Swale. **(District 17)**
- C-2 Award of Contract for Project 11-1211 2011 Windstorm Damage Sidewalk & Curb/Gutter Program to Marvin Gleason Contractor, Franksville, Wisconsin in the amount of \$130,850. **(Districts east of 30th Avenue)**
- C-3 Resolution to Amend the City of Kenosha Capital Improvement Program for 2010 by Decreasing SW10-002 "Creek Stabilization" Line "Engineering" by \$65,000 and Creating SW10-002 "Pike River Monitoring" in the amount of \$94,192 with Outside Funding in the amount of \$29,192 for a Net Change of \$0. **(District 1)**
- C-4 Disbursements for the month of July 2011.

INFORMATIONAL:

1. Grant Application from the Fund for Lake Michigan for additional Pike River Monitoring.

CITIZENS COMMENTS RELATED ONLY TO JURISDICTION OF STORMWATER UTILITY COMMITTEE

STAFF COMMENTS

ALDERMAN COMMENTS

IF YOU ARE DISABLED AND IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE CALL 653-4050 BEFORE NOON ON THE DATE INDICATED FOR THIS MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MAY BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING, AND ALTHOUGH THIS MAY CONSTITUTE A QUORUM OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL WILL NOT TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS MEETING.

STORM WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE
- MINUTES -

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2011
4:30 P.M.

Anthony Nudo, Chairman
G. John Ruffolo, Vice Chairman
Steve Bostrom

Patrick Juliana
Jan Michalski
Ray Misner

The regular meeting of the Storm Water Utility Committee was held on Wednesday, August 10, 2011, in Room 202 of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Chairman Anthony Nudo, Vice Chairman G. John Ruffolo, Aldermen Steve Bostrom, Patrick Juliana, and Ray Misner. Alderman Jan Michalski was excused. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm. Staff members in attendance were Mike Lemens and Shelly Billingsley.

- A-1 Approval of minutes of regular meeting held July 25, 2011.
It was moved by Alderman Ruffolo, seconded by Alderman Juliana to approve. Motion passed 5-0.
- B-1 Proposed Ordinance to Create Section 1.06 T of the Code of General Ordinances for the City of Kenosha to establish a Mayor's Commission on the Arts. *(deferred from the July 13, 2011 meeting)*
It was moved by Alderman Misner, seconded by Alderman Bostrom to move forward with no recommendation. Motion passed 4-1 with Alderman Juliana voting no.
- C-1 Grant Agreement Between the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration Division of Intergovernmental Relations Wisconsin Coastal Management Program and the City of Kenosha for Monitoring Pike River. **(District 1)**
Shelly Billingsely gave an explanation of the agreement. It was moved by Alderman Bostrom, seconded by Alderman Misner to approve. Motion passed 5-0.

STAFF COMMENTS: *Mike Lemens commented that there is some concern regarding disposal of sensitive material from when committees go into closed session. Sensitive material should be disposed of properly and shredded or it can be given to the committee secretary to shred.*

ALDERMAN COMMENTS:

- 1. Alderman Misner asked that the Aldermen get a copy of the street sweeping schedule.*
- 2. Alderman Ruffolo asked about the status of the GPS system. He also showed examples of door hangers that are used by We Energies and would like to see something similar used when tagging for sidewalk snow complaints.*

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Storm Water Utility Committee, it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 pm.



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SHELLY BILLINGSLEY, P.E.

SOIL EROSION SPECIALIST
CHRIS PAGELS

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DEPARTMENT OF STORMWATER UTILITY
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August 26, 2011

To: Anthony Nudo, Chairman
Stormwater Utility Committee

From: Michael M. Lemens, P.E.
Interim Director of Stormwater Utility

CC: David Bogdala
District 17

Subject: *Approval of Professional Service Agreement with Applied Ecological Services for the River Crossing Swale.*

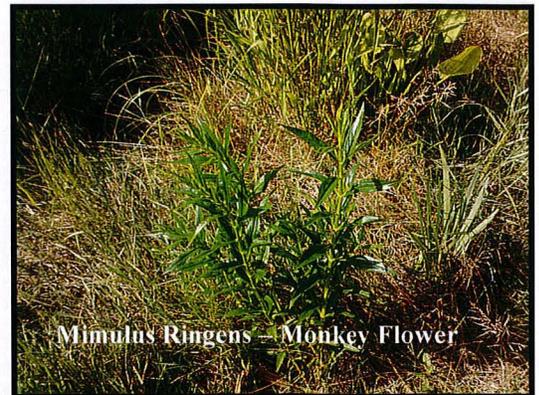
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During the 2011 evaluation and plant monitoring staff and our consultant Applied Ecological Services, Inc. identified some required enhancements to the 2010 planting of the River Crossing Swale. In this meeting it was identified that the no-mow mix along the side slopes needs to be replanted as well as additional plants need to be placed in the centerline of the swale.

However, during this walkthrough it was also seen that many of the native plants are thriving and some ecological changes are happening already. Staff is recommending this enhancement work to provide the work needed to make this project successful.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Professional Service Agreement between the Kenosha Stormwater Utility and Applied Ecological Services in the amount of \$9,500 to include the quote of \$8,613.90 and \$886.10 in contingency and authorize the Interim Director to execute the contract. The funding for this work will be paid for out of CIP SW-10-005 River Crossing Ditch Restoration.



Mimulus Ringens – Monkey Flower



Spartina Pectinata – Prairie Cord Grass



Alisma Subcordatum – Water Plantain



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PRICE QUOTE
River Crossing Swale Reseeding
Kenosha, WI
11-0070

QUOTE PREPARED BY Chuck Campbell & Troy Anderson
DATE 7/28/2011

Item	Qty	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
River Crossing Swale Repair				
Remove Existing Erosion Blanket	1.00	ls	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Herbicide Preparation	1.00	ls	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00
Soil Preparation	1.00	ls	\$ 438.00	\$ 438.00
Seed No-Mow Mix	0.23	acre	\$ 2,130.00	\$ 489.90
S75 Erosion Blanket	1,125.00	sy	\$ 1.00	\$ 1,125.00
Presentation to the Stormwater Utility Board				No Charge
Presentation to the Public	1.00	ls	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Swale Enhancement Plugs (Spring 2012)	1,000.00	each	\$ 3.50	\$ 3,500.00
2012 Swale Maintenance	3.00	trip	\$ 512.00	\$ 1,536.00
TOTAL				\$ 8,613.90

Notes:

- This quote is valid for 60 days.
- Sales tax if applicable will be added upon invoicing.
- Prices quoted above do not include sales tax on materials to be used for this project
- AES is a non-union shop. "Prevailing wage" rates have not been included in the above price.
- **Applied Ecological Services provides a one year guarantee on materials and workmanship. AES warrants that the work shall be free from material defects not intrinsic in the design or materials required in the Contract Documents, if any. Applied Ecological Service's warranty does not include remedies for defects or damages caused by normal wear and tear during normal usage, use for a purpose for which the project was not intended, improper or insufficient maintenance, modifications performed by the owner or others, or abuse. Applied Ecological Services warrants that all materials shall be new unless otherwise specified, of good quality, in conformance with the Contract Documents, if any, and free from defective workmanship. If within one year the owner does not promptly notify AES of defective work, the owner waives AES's obligation to correct any defective work as well as the owner's right to claim a breach of warranty with respect to that defective work.**
- Unless specifically covered in the Contract or in the warranty of another Applied Ecological Services Contract for site design on this project, Applied Ecological Services is not responsible for hydrology on the project site. **Damage to seeding or planting installation, or other defective work, that is due to improper hydrology is excluded from any warranty under this Contract.** Applied Ecological Services can remedy such damage, subject to additional cost, pursuant to a written modification of the Contract signed by both parties.

• Watering as necessary after plant, seed, shrub or tree installation is not included above. **Damage to planting including tree & shrub installation that is due to failure to water is excluded from any warranty.** Applied Ecological Services can provide such watering service subject to additional cost, pursuant to a written modification of the Contract, signed by both parties.

Fees:

- Fees for all tasks and services are based on the unit cost and/or lump sum prices as set forth above. All rates are current for six months from the date of the signed agreement.
- Applied Ecological Services reserves the right to place a lien on the owners property if payment for work has not been received within 10 days of past due status.
- In an emergency, the Applied Ecological Services shall act in a reasonable manner to prevent personal injury or property damage. Any change in the Contract price and/or Contract time resulting from the actions of Applied Ecological Services in an emergency situation shall be equitably adjusted.
- Upon the written request of Applied Ecological Services, prior to commencement of the work and thereafter at the written request of AES, the owner/client shall provide Applied Ecological Services with reasonable evidence of owner/client's ability to fund the project. Evidence of such financing shall be a condition precedent to AES's commencing or continuing work. Applied Ecological Services shall be notified prior to any material change in Project financing or material change in owner/client's ability to fund the work.



Chuck Campbell
Project Estimator
APPLIED ECOLOGICAL SERVICES, INC.



Troy Anderson
Project Manager
APPLIED ECOLOGICAL SERVICES, INC.

CLIENT APPROVAL

DATE:

Signature of Authorized Agent:

Print Name of Authorized Agent

Billing Address

Phone Number

Fax Number

APPLIED ECOLOGICAL SERVICES

DATE:

Signature of Authorized Agent:

Print Name of Authorized Agent



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August 26, 2011

To: G. John Ruffolo, Chairman, Public Works Committee
 Anthony Nudo, Chairman, Stormwater Utility Committee

From: Michael M. Lemens, P.E.
 Interim Director of Public Works, City Engineer
Michael M. Lemens VB 8/26/11

Subject: Project: 11-1211 2011 Windstorm Damage Sidewalk & Curb/Gutter Program

Location: Districts east of 30th Avenue

The Department of Public Works, Engineering Division has opened bids for the above referenced project. Engineer's Estimate was \$110,000. Budget amount for sidewalk in CIP Line IN-93-004 is \$700,000 of which \$480,000 was awarded on Project 11-1208. Budget amount for curb and gutter replacement in CIP Line SW-93-005 is \$90,000 which was expended on Project 11-1208. A line item transfer for curb and gutter will be required.

This project consists of construction of concrete sidewalk and curb & gutter, handicap ramps, excavation and landscaping.

Following is the list of bidders:

	Sidewalk Subtotal	Curb/Gutter Subtotal	Bid Total
Marvin Gleason Contractor, Franksville, WI	\$92,838.55	\$27,166.50	\$120,005.05
A.W. Oakes & Son, Racine, WI	\$91,537.70	\$28,751.00	\$120,288.70
Poblocki Paving Corp., Wauwatosa, WI	\$101,619.75	\$33,173.60	\$134,793.35
D.C. Burbach, Inc., Waukesha, WI	\$118,407.75	\$41,802.75	\$160,210.50

It is recommended that this contract be awarded to Marvin Gleason Contractor, Franksville, Wisconsin, for the sidewalk bid amount of \$92,383.55 plus \$8,616.45 in contingency for an award \$101,000 from CIP Line IN-93-004, and the curb and gutter bid amount of \$27,166.50 plus \$2,683.50 in contingency for an award amount of \$29,850 from CIP Line SW-93-005 which will require a line item transfer, for total award amount of \$130,850.

MML/kjb

cc: Carol Stancato, Director of Finance

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BY: Finance Committee

To Amend the City of Kenosha Capital Improvement Program for 2010
By Decreasing SW10-002 "Creek Stabilization" Line "Engineering by \$65,000 and
Creating SW10-002 "Pike River Monitoring" in the Amount of \$94,192 With Outside Funding in the
Amount of \$29,192 For a Net Change of \$0

WHEREAS, the City of Kenosha has an opportunity to receive a \$29,192 coastal management grant for monitoring pollutants in the Pike River Watershed and Lake Michigan coast line requiring a match of \$29,192 of city funds in addition to staff engineering time; and

WHEREAS, the above amendment to the Capital Improvement Program has been approved by the Storm Water Committee on August 31, 2011 and the Finance Committee on September 7, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Kenosha, Wisconsin that the Capital Improvement Program be, and hereby is amended as follows:

<i>Line Item</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Available Authorization</i>	<i>Authorization Adjustment</i>	<i>Amended Authorization</i>
SW10-002	Creek Stabilization – Engineering	68,196	-65,000	3,196
SW10-002	Pike River Monitoring	-0-	94,192	94,192
SW10-002	Pike River Monitoring – Outside Funding	-0-	(29,192)	(29,192)

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2011

Approved:

KEITH G. BOSMAN, MAYOR

Attest:

MICHAEL HIGGINS, CITY CLERK-TREASURER

(CIPSW10002.8.24.11/RES11)

PART DATE FOR SUMMARY: 7/01/11 END DATE FOR SUMMARY: 7/31/11

CHECK #	CHECK DATE	VENDOR NAME	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
106951	7/01	HWY C SERVICE	501-09-50105-361-000	6/11-SW SERVICE/PART	137.00
106977	7/01	TDS METROCOM	501-09-50101-227-000	06/11 MAIN PHONE	124.96
			501-09-50101-225-000	06/11 MAIN PHONE	12.95
				..... TOTAL	137.91
106985	7/01	CONCRETE SPECIALTIES CO.	501-09-50105-355-000	06/11 MERCHANDISE	385.00
107008	7/01	MENARDS (KENOSHA)	501-09-50105-361-000	5/11-SW MERCHANDISE	22.93
107078	7/06	OFFICEMAX	501-09-50101-311-000	06/11 ST #1836 OFFC	28.30
			501-09-50101-311-000	06/11 ST #1836 OFFC	23.98
				..... TOTAL	52.28
107079	7/06	LINCOLN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY	501-09-50105-361-000	06/11 SW TOOLS AND S	278.08
107080	7/06	CONCRETE SPECIALTIES CO.	501-09-50105-355-000	06/11 MERCHANDISE	310.00
107092	7/06	LETTERING MACHINE	501-09-50105-367-000	LONG SLEEVE SHIRT	189.90
			501-09-50105-367-000	LONG SLEEVE SHIRT	118.50
			501-09-50105-367-000	SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT	114.00
			501-09-50105-367-000	SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT	110.94
			501-09-50105-367-000	SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT	56.00
				..... TOTAL	589.34
107123	7/08	COMSYS, INCORPORATED	501-09-50101-215-000	7/08-8/7/11 SERVICES	9,329.31
107145	7/08	CONCRETE SPECIALTIES CO.	501-09-50105-355-000	06/11 SW MERCHANDISE	75.00
107147	7/08	VERMEER SALES & SERVICE	501-09-50106-344-000	CHIPPER KNIVES	135.02
107168	7/08	MENARDS (KENOSHA)	501-09-50105-357-000	6/11-SW MERCHANDISE	9.90
107216	7/13	HWY C SERVICE	501-09-50106-344-000	REPLACE DRIVE MOTOR	1,859.95
107232	7/13	CAMOSY CONSTRUCTION CO., INC	501-00-21128-000-000	ESCROW 1330 52 ST	5,000.00
107240	7/13	TDS METROCOM	501-09-50101-227-000	07/11 MAIN LINE	124.91
			501-09-50101-225-000	07/11 MAIN LINE	18.72
			 TOTAL	143.63

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107247	7/13	SWARTZ NURSERIES	501-09-50105-353-000	ROLLS OF SOD	70.00
107250	7/13	LINCOLN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY	501-09-50105-361-000	06/11 SW-TOOLS/SUPPL	159.06
			501-09-50105-359-000	06/11 SW-TOOLS/SUPPL	11.10
				..... TOTAL	170.16
107285	7/13	MENARDS (KENOSHA)	501-09-50105-353-000	06/11 SW-MERCHANDISE	119.97
			501-09-50105-355-000	06/11 SW-MERCHANDISE	74.16
				..... TOTAL	194.13
107303	7/13	FINDORFF, J.H & SON	501-00-21128-000-000	ESCRW 2001 ALFORD DR	5,000.00
107304	7/13	KVG BUILDING CORP	501-00-21128-000-000	ESCROW-3710 57 AVE	5,000.00
107339	7/15	MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE	501-09-50101-156-000	08/11 PREMIUM	32.31
			501-09-50105-156-000	08/11 PREMIUM	28.54
			501-09-50103-156-000	08/11 PREMIUM	4.45
				..... TOTAL	65.30
107359	7/15	MANDLIK & RHODES INFORMATION	501-09-50102-219-000	7/11 ADMIN-YW COUPON	350.00
107394	7/20	ACE HARDWARE	501-09-50105-359-000	06/11 SW MERCHANDISE	17.98
			501-09-50105-344-000	06/11 SW MERCHANDISE	12.50
				..... TOTAL	30.48
107406	7/20	LORENZ TOPSOIL	501-09-50105-353-000	6/11-SW TOPSOIL	55.00
107427	7/20	JAMES IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC.	501-09-50101-232-000	07/11 PW-COPIER MNT	66.56
			501-09-50101-232-000	06/11 PW-OVERAGES	49.22
			501-09-50105-232-000	07/11 ST-COPIER SRVC	14.71
			501-09-50105-232-000	06/11 ST-OVERAGES	3.03
				..... TOTAL	133.52
107431	7/20	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WI	501-09-50104-253-000	06/11 130.95 TONS	2,884.90
			501-09-50104-253-000	06/11 WDNR TONNAGE	1,702.35
			501-09-50104-253-000	06/11 FUEL SURCHARGE	215.97
			501-09-50104-253-000	06/11 ENVIRO SURCHG	90.00
				..... TOTAL	4,893.22
107433	7/20	VERIZON WIRELESS	501-09-50101-226-000	06/11 PHONE SERVICES	51.54

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107436	7/20	KIEFT BROTHERS INC.	501-09-50105-359-000	STORM SEWER PIPE AND	1,715.90
107445	7/20	HNTB - GREAT LAKES	501-09-50103-219-000	1-5/11 SWU MGT PLAN	555.59
107486	7/22	KEN-CRETE PRODUCTS CO., INC.	501-09-50105-355-000	6/11 CONCRETE/MATRL	5,213.39
107491	7/22	M A TRUCK PARTS	501-09-50105-235-000	6/11-SW MATERIALS/SU	542.65
107509	7/22	LINCOLN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY	501-09-50105-355-000	6/11-SW TOOLS/SUPPLI	300.00
107544	7/22	BELLE CITY FIRE EXTINGUISHER	501-09-50105-259-000	6/11 SW-EXTINGUISHER	414.68
107589	7/27	RODE'S CAMERA	501-09-50105-388-000	06/11 SW SUPPLIES/PR	4.99
107591	7/27	VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY	501-09-50105-354-000	6/11-SW AGGREGATE MA	4,798.41
107619	7/27	US CELLULAR	501-09-50103-226-000	5/11 & 7/11 INTERNET	81.42
107687	7/29	WIS FUEL & HEATING INC	501-09-50105-341-000	7/11-SW LUBRICANTS/O	608.50
			501-09-50104-341-000	7/11-SW LUBRICANTS/O	608.50
				..... TOTAL	1,217.00
107700	7/29	LINCOLN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY	501-09-50105-344-000	7/11-SW TOOLS/SUPPLI	30.00
107707	7/29	NAPA AUTO PARTS CO.	501-09-50105-344-000	06/11 SW PARTS/FILTE	16.63
107711	7/29	STRAND ASSOCIATES, INC.	501-09-50103-219-000	02/11 FOREST PARK SA	268.68
GRAND TOTAL FOR PERIOD *****					49,638.04



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August 26, 2011

To: Anthony Nudo, Chairman
Stormwater Utility Committee

From: Michael M. Lemens, P.E.
Interim Director of Stormwater Utility

CC: Eric Haugaard
District 1

Subject: INFORMATIONAL ITEM – *Grant Application from the Fund for Lake Michigan for Pike River Monitoring*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Staff has applied for grant funding through the Fund for Lake Michigan to complete more intense river monitoring of the Pike River for water quality. SWU has recently submitted a signed agreement with the Department of Administration to complete river monitoring of the Pike River as well. However, these funds were limited to monitoring 29 open sites within the Pike River during periods of base and high flow and beaches in proximity of the River. Very little monitoring of the River has become a hindrance on the City in applying for stream restoration projects as well as other non-profit groups.

This grant will allow for the identification of areas suitable for monitoring stations along the Pike River and its tributaries. Identify possible sources of point source pollution as well as non-point source. Setup and maintain a comprehensive database of water quality data as well as stream bank erosion assessments and recommend areas for stabilization and riparian buffers. This grant will also provide education information on the Pike River restoration process in partnership with Root-Pike Win and the River Alliance of Wisconsin. Attached is a news release by Root-Pike WIN in an announcement of receiving \$190,000 to lead the Pike River Watershed Restoration Plan.

This grant has an estimated budget of approximately \$179,510 of contractual costs. The following funds are anticipated as matching funds: the City of Racine Health Department will be providing \$13,846 of in kind matches, the University of Parkside Geosciences Department will be providing \$7,000 of in kind match for an in situ probe. Staff has proposed to provide an in kind match of approximately \$8,000 of engineering time as well as the \$58,384 of the Coastal Management Grant (50% is grant funds).

If this grant is approved an agreement will need to be approved between the City of Racine Health Department and the Kenosha Stormwater Utility as a majority of this project analysis will be completed by Dr. Julie Kinzelman. Julie Kinzelman is with the City of Racine Health Department.

RECOMMENDATION

Informational / Discussion Only – No Action Required



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACTS: Susan Greenfield, Executive Director, 262- 898-2055 (w); 412-5211 (C);
susan@rootpikewin.org

\$190,000 awarded to Root-Pike WIN to lead Pike River Watershed Restoration Plan
Public invited to contribute to planning

Monday, August 22, 2011, RACINE, WI—The Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network announced today that it has been awarded \$190,000 by the Fund for Lake Michigan and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to lead the development of a comprehensive watershed restoration plan of the Pike River in Kenosha and Racine counties. Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum in the Town of Somers is assisting Root-Pike WIN with the implementation of the project.

The first year of the two-year project will focus on engaging people from all walks of life through a series of seven meetings and online surveys culminating in a visioning session, where participants will select the priority areas for the plan. In the second year, a stakeholders group of interested citizens and public officials will meet with a professional planning firm to advise and direct the development of a comprehensive plan, including a detailed action plan that identifies priority projects, costs and potential funding sources.

“We are delighted to see a collaborative effort focused on the restoration of the Pike River and look forward to participating as a partner throughout the process,” said Kenosha County Executive Jim Krueser.

“A healthier Pike River will improve the waters of Lake Michigan and provide tremendous benefit to our citizens,” said Kenosha Mayor Keith Bosman.

“The Pike River and Pike Creek are finally getting the attention they deserve,” said Somers Chairman Vern Wienke.

“The quality of our water resources is vital to the ecology, economy and quality of life in our communities,” said Pleasant Prairie President John Steinbrink. “The grant awards recognize the importance of the Pike River watershed and the quality of Root-Pike WIN’s plan to revitalize this invaluable resource.”

“The development of a watershed plan with wide spread support will serve to build on the work the Village of Mount Pleasant has started and serve to reverse the degradation of the Pike River that has occurred over many years of land use practices that have caused such degradation,” said Mount Pleasant President Carolyn Milkie.

Racine County Executive Jim Ladwig added, “We’re very pleased that this funding will help carry on the work that has already been undertaken in Mt. Pleasant. It is emblematic of the commitment of both our counties to preserve our streams and lakes.”

The first meeting will take place Thursday, September 29, 2011, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Hawthorn Hollow, 880 Green Bay Road, Somers, on the topic, *Overview of the Pike River Watershed and Planning*. All people interested in the Pike River are strongly encouraged to attend the meetings where they will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide input. The schedule and locations for the remaining meetings are:

- Thursday, October 27, 2011, 3:30-5:30 p.m., *Presentation and Field Trip of Pike River Restoration in Village of Mt. Pleasant*, Racine County, Village Hall, 8811 Campus Drive, Mt. Pleasant.
- Thursday, December 1, 2011, 5:30-7:00 p.m., *Flood Mitigation Planning*, Kenosha Country Club, 500 13th Avenue, Kenosha
- Thursday, January 26, 2012, 5:30-7:00 p.m., *Managing Agricultural Runoff in Kenosha and Racine Counties*, Tallent Hall, UW-Parkside, Somers.
- Thursday, February 23, 2012, 5:30-7:00 p.m., *Kenosha County and Racine County Comprehensive Plans and How They Impact the Pike River*, (location pending);
- Thursday, March 22, 2012, 5:30-7:00 p.m., *Expanding Environmental Corridors and Recreation in the Pike River*, (location pending).
- Saturday, May 12, 2012, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. *Envisioning Pike River's Future*, (location pending).

According to WDNR, the Pike River Watershed is among the most degraded in the State of Wisconsin. Modifications to streams and wetlands, urban runoff, and stream bank erosion are the priority issues for this Watershed. Today the Watershed contains only about 350 acres of its original 4,800-plus acres of wetlands which has greatly reduced its stormwater storage capacity, and is a major contributing factor to the water quality problems and flooding in the Watershed. The goal of the two-year long project is to build support for improvements to the watershed such as wetland restoration, streambank stabilization, flood mitigation, reduced sedimentation and to improve the ecological health of the Pike River and near-shore Lake Michigan. The plan will also identify ways to restore lost natural connections along the river corridor to enhance wildlife habitat and create new recreational opportunities. Meetings are open to the public. People can keep track of the planning effort on the Root-Pike WIN's website: www.rootpikewin.org.

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