

MEETING NOTES

Cumberland Water Resources Habitat Conservation Plan Steering Committee
Country Store Building, Cumberland County Fair Grounds
1398 Livingston Road
December 15, 2010

ATTENDEES

Name		Affiliation
Eric	Andelman	Morgan Co. Liaison
Robert	Baker	TN Dept. of Environment and Conservation
Tim	Begley	City of Crossville
Everett	Bolin	Crab Orchard U.D.
Eric	Brady	City of Crossville
Chris	Burcher	HCP Team
Malissa	Davis	HCP Team
Kevin	Dean	City of Crossville
Jennifer	Gihring	HCP Team
Dennis	Gregg	Obed Watershed Community Association
Jerry	Hardin	Emory River Watershed Assn.
Doug	Little	Plateau Properties
Katherine	Medlock	TNC
Derek	Street	HCP Team

MEETING GOALS

- Introduction to the Tennessee Yards and Neighborhoods Program
- Covered species revisions.
- Covered activities update.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Jennifer Gihring (HCP staff) welcomed all attendees.
- Attendees introduced themselves to the group.
- Jennifer reviewed the purpose of the meeting.

Tennessee Yards and Neighborhoods Program

Presented by Ruth Ann Hanahan, UT Water Resource Center Director

Media: PowerPoint, handout

Ruth Ann Hanahan gave a brief presentation on the purposes of the TYN program. Highlights:

- Gave a brief history of the development of TYN from the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods program to protect water quality.

- Test-run of TYN program in Beaver Creek watershed in Knoxville resulted in a success by increasing infiltration of rain water and preventing soil runoff.
- Discussed the nine guiding principles of TYN.
- Project has grown from Knox County, to Shelby, Hamilton, and Davidson Counties. Soon a workshop will be held in Cumberland County.

Q&A

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Covered Species List Revisions

Presented by Malissa Davis, WRHCP Science Coordinator

Media: PowerPoint

Malissa went through recent changes to the potential covered species list. Based on more research and discussions with USFWS several species were removed from the list, resulting in a decrease in the overall number. Highlights include:

- The species decision tree will be modified so that it excludes all non-federally listed or likely to be listed federal species.
- A brief refresher was presented on how the HCP works and what the end goal is; protecting species and streamlining the permitting process.
- The result in rewording step 3 of the species selection chart will cut out roughly half the species we currently have.
- Even though we are cutting a large number of species that will still benefit from the protective measures that will be developed for the covered species and we will discuss how they benefit in the final document.
- Next step will involve reevaluating our occurrence data and another round of species surveys.

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Covered Activities

Presented by Malissa Davis, WRHCP Science Coordinator and Jennifer Gihring, HCP Outreach Coordinator

Media: -

Malissa Davis (HCP Team) and Jennifer Gihring (HCP Team) met with Tim Begely and Kevin Dean to discuss all activities related to land development. Highlights:

- The purpose of the meeting was to ensure nothing had been omitted from our proposed covered activities list.
- One area discussed was taking a closer look at the repair and maintenance of water lines.

Q&A

Other:

The HCP has started a preliminary land development analysis of Morgan and Scott Counties to assess how actively they should participate in the HCP. Once we have our analysis we will share the findings with each county and let them decide how to proceed.

Chris Burcher has joined the HCP team as the new science coordinator. The modeling position vacated by Joe is being offered to Yoichiro Kanno. Tomorrow (12/16) is Jennifer Gihring's last day as a part of the HCP.

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ACTION ITEMS

Responsible Party	Item	Deadline
HCP Staff	Complete preliminary development analysis of Morgan and Scott Counties.	ASAP
HCP Staff	Revise covered species decision tree.	ASAP

The next SC meeting is tentatively scheduled February. We will update all members on the exact day and time.