

Meeting Name: Fox River Flood Commission—Informational Meeting

Date of Meeting: 2/27/2019

Time: 10:30 am

Location: Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Region 2, Bartlett, Illinois

Purpose: Kickoff/Informational Meeting about the Fox River Flood Commission

Attendees: see attached list

Meeting Agenda: see attached

Meeting Minutes

- Welcome remarks by Loren Wobig, Director, IDNR Office of Water Resources
- Introductions
- Public Act 100-0730
 - Loren Wobig described the goals of the Public Act 100-0730
 - Act calls for the formation of a “Flood Control Commission”
 - Coalition of communities in the Fox River Watershed
 - Legislation identifies members of the commission—chaired by the IDNR Director
 - IDNR has to provide administrative support to the commission
 - Today’s meeting is for informational purposes
 - Not recording or voting today
 - Need to understand critical flood issues and extent of areas impacted
 - Evaluate flood issues and develop goals and recommendations for commission
 - Submission of report by end of 2019
- Illinois River Flood Alliance, Mike Sutfin, Flood Plain Manager, City of Ottawa
 - Ottawa is a CRS Class 2 community
 - Ottawa had little flooding in 2013 after completing the requirements to join the CRS
 - 38th Senate District had \$150 million in flood damages from the 2013 flood
 - Senator Resin developed the Illinois Valley Flood Alliance to help the other communities manage their floodplain like Ottawa
 - Quarterly meetings were held to educate about floodplain management
 - Flood fighting response
 - Four goals of the Alliance:
 - Someone in the city must be a certified floodplain manager
 - Join the CRS
 - Adopt a higher regulatory standard
 - Join the IAFSM - state organization
 - Flood fighting plans
 - Coordination and coalition have many benefits
 - USACE has developed a template based on IDNR and Ottawa’s methodology to develop a Flood Alliance

- Known Flood Damage Areas, Rita Lee, IDNR OWR
 - Identify the extent of flooding
 - Fox River Watershed—long and narrow watershed
 - Communities help identify known damage areas
 - IEMA damage assessment
 - Character of the flooding
 - Major flood—in the houses
 - Moderate – flooding of garages or outbuildings or approaching homes
 - Minor flood—flood of roadways and open areas
- Flood Insurance Claims, Paul Osman, IDNR OWR
 - Flood insurance claims using GIS/Maps
 - Fox watershed—2300 claims, about \$35 million in damages
 - 3 Areas with worst damages—Fox Lake, Aurora/Montgomery, Ottawa
 - Fox Lake – most of the damages on the Fox River and Chain of Lakes
 - Fox Lake has resolved their floodplain violations and reduced flood damages
 - Aurora/Montgomery – most of the damages are located on the tributary stream
 - Ottawa—one thing that made a big difference is buyouts
 - Buyouts are the ultimate flood damage reduction tool as the floodplain is left in open space
 - Flood assessment by IAFSM/RAFT team can help a community.
 - Flood insurance will pay to elevate a building when it is substantially damaged.
- Next Steps
 - Rita Lee—First step is to identify and develop documentation of the extent and character of flooded areas
 - Identify flood prone areas
 - Take home today is to provide either a GIS file, address list, maps etc.
 - Identify what kind of flooding -yard flood, first floor, or urban flooding
 - Urban Flooding Storm is flooding away from a river such as street flooding or sewer backing up
 - Second step is to identify shortfall in the current flood control practices
 - Are we needing flood preparedness plan, flood warning system
 - Flood response and individual flood protection
 - Regulating floodplain developments
- Start brainstorming.
 - Mike Warner—underestimating floodplain as the Fox River FIS was developed in 1980's,
 - Sally McConkey – new studies for the tributaries, mapping update, FEMA for more funding
 - Mike Hughes, Fox Lake resident, haven't heard about prevention
- Meeting Schedule, Loren Wobig
 - Four meetings April, June, August, and October
- Adjournment

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