

46 Barb Bickford led the group through the question what makes our watershed great.Pam:
47 proximity private and public land
48 John G: richness of the waterbodies
49 Steve : The variety of natural resources; streams, springs, lakes, river- prairies, woodland,
50 Savannah, etc.
51 Kristin: # of high-quality lakes we have
52 Jim: proximity to the city
53 Paul: Pass agrees with all
54 Scott: great variety of resources - ground water makes it all great
55 Steve: They understand the resources (to a degree) and appreciate them.
56 Diane: want to be here - choice
57 Paul: agrees with Diane but a gap with understanding how to get involved
58 John G: Genuinely interested - passionate
59 Kristin: responsible - people who vacation here? do they have the same responsibility
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61 Small groups were asked to formulate a response about what opportunities exist for
62 protecting and improving water resources. Steve, Jim, Diane: Centered around public
63 education and how we get that info out to landowners - could we connect with other partners
64 (associations, realtors, etc.) - sending another survey that is more specific to the survey
65 answers.
66 Pam, Scott, Bobbie: Public education - communities are built around water - local arts
67 community involved - art that educates and gets people excited about the watershed
68 John G, Kristin, Paul: Mill stream - great opportunity - recognize and confirm the
69 groundwater quality - enhance the publics knowledge on how projects benefit the resource
70 Steve: Public education through classes - on Zoom now that people are accustomed to that
71 way of working and learning. We may not have 100% connectively in the watershed
72 but...better than 97 out of 3500!
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74 Small groups discussed how each member would personally like to improve the watershed
75 and/or watershed district. Scott: Increase understanding of groundwater
76 Steve Dibb: Become a more vocal steward of the watershed resources - especially the area
77 landowners. How to let people know about the great projects that are being done and how it
78 improves their lives and recreation!
79 Pamela Arnold: Demonstrate that my “projects” (ag land regeneration) demonstrate impact
80 and lack of impacts, improvements, and long-term sustainability.
81 John G would be willing to act as a citizen advocate on particular issues of keen interest to
82 him..
83 Diane Rohan is concerned about run off from roads next to water
84 Kristin Tuenge wants to champion ground water protection.
85 Mike Isensee: Increased engagement and assistance for landowners. Reassure them that they
86 will not be penalized for talking to the watershed and we are a great resource for information
87 and technical assistance.
88 Jim Schoeller wants to improve Watershed & District by staying involved and learning more
89 about it and district accomplishments and challenges. Then, share what he has learned with
90 others to hopefully engage them in support.
91 Steve Dibb agreed with Jim.

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93 **5) Next Meeting Date**

94 The next Citizens Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th.

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96 **6) Adjourn**

97 Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

98 Submitted by: Administrator Mikael Isensee