Treaty Creek-Wabash River Steering Committee Meeting – 21 February 2018

Attendees: Curt Campbell, Jim Emmons, Steve Johnson, Dick Beamer, Jen Rankin, Jessica Faust, Susie and Gary Hunter

Public meeting recap: Approximately 30 people attended. Overall concerns focused on streambank erosion and livestock access. Several individuals noted the need for open communication with landowners. The downtown riverside trail/walkway was included in a number of small group discussions. While the group did not make a decision about taking a stance on the trail and its potential impacts on wildlife and/or flooding. This discussion/decision will be revisited later in this process.

Water quality monitoring will commence March 8th and continue every two weeks for one full year. Twelve tributaries will be sampled with the largest drainages and cover the largest area. The most downstream Miami County location has been moved to River Road (dirt) – Sara will contact those landowners to obtain permission to sample at that location.

Vision Iterations:

* Wabashiki. Wabash River. Bright white
* Imagine clean healthy creeks that empty into the Wabash River.
* Wabash River: ecologically healthy and biologically diverse
* To establish the water quality of the Wabash River in regards right the tributaries that enter the Wabash River.
* What will be done to rectify any problem watersheds that are encountered
* To assure water quality that is safe for both humans and wildlife
* Change in mind set
* Conservation minded
* Recreational use
* Go ahead, take a drink

Assure water quality for humans and wildlife

Draft vision to be revisited: Improved water quality for humans and wildlife

Working mission: concerned citizens working together to improve water quality and habitat in the Wabash River and its tributaries for all generations.

Next meeting date: April 18th at 2 pm