

Building Capacity for Sustainable Watershed Management in Illinois
Program Agenda
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
Springfield, IL
Friday, October 10th

9:00 - 9:30 Registration

9:30 - 10:00 Welcoming Remarks

10:00-11:00 Water Quality in Illinois: Issues, Barriers, and Possible Solutions -

Amy Walkenbach, IEPA & Kim Erndt, Prairie Rivers Network

- Common activities among groups – Where proper training is important and what is necessary for watershed management

- Monitoring

- Outreach

- Assessment

- Planning

- WQ Protection

- WQ Restoration

- Habitat Protection

- Evaluation

- Watershed Assessment Survey: Why we created it and what have we learned from your participation.

11:00 - 12:00 Using a Watershed Framework to Develop and Implement Sustainable Practices -

Charlie MacPherson, Tetra Tech Inc.

- How to establish common goals and identify relevant authorities among organizations
- Identifying areas of expertise available within the watershed
- Coordinating specific activities within the watershed to minimize duplication of effort; leveraging funds
- A quantitative road map to meet water quality goals
- Nine elements of watershed planning to make your plans more robust

12:00 - 12:45 Lunch Provided

12:45 - 1:45 Tools to Strengthen Sustainability of Watershed Management Efforts -
Dave Kamps, Hach Environmental & Linda Stalker Prokopy, Ph.D., Purdue University

- Modeling tools that watersheds can use
DFLOW, AQUATOX, WASP7, QUAL2K, BASINS
- Monitoring tools: MS4 program, biological monitoring, discharge monitoring, ambient monitoring, wet weather, etc.
- Outreach tools - Social Indicators

1:45- 2:45 Lessons Learned from Successful Partnerships: What Worked and Why?

- Friends of Fox River
- The Conservation Foundation – Steve McCracken
- Embarras River Management Association/Illinois Watershed Association – Greg Sherwood
- IDNR Watershed Planner – Jeff Boeckler

2:45 - 2:55 Ten Minute Break

2:55 - 3:45 Moving Forward - Discussion led by Charlie MacPherson, Tetra Tech Inc.

- How can this group continue to explore opportunities to seek common interest for establishing more sustainable approaches through coordination and leveraging resources and authorities
- How can today's workshop attendees achieve watershed planning goals by: 1) continuing to explore opportunities; 2) determining common interests for establishing more sustainable approaches; and 3) maximizing opportunities through coordination and leveraging of resources and authorities?
- Who needs to be involved?
- Next steps and action items