

**The following sections were talking points derived from discussions held at the Building Capacity in Illinois Watersheds Workshop in Springfield on October 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**What Do Watershed Efforts Need in Order to be Environmentally – Socially - Economically Sustainable?**

Need to have:

- An understanding of local problems-solutions
- A pool of local volunteers
- Economics in place to sustain the effort
- Inclusive and diverse groups
- Increased coordination with (and within) local municipalities
- A centralized place for information sharing
- Need to engage different audiences & show benefits
- Provide alternatives for current behaviors
- Staff support
- Constituent buy-in and citizen participation
- We need to see visible progress of efforts
- Communication
- Need to have problems clarified
- More education
- Elected officials that care and understand the issues
- Permanence of actions
- Flexibility
- Succession planning
- Need well defined principles as part of county codes and regulations
- Technical expertise

**NEEDS**

- Stream gauging
- Biological monitoring
- GIS accessibility
- Centralized data repository
- QAAP template
- Volunteer monitoring design
- Easily accessible resource to learn who is in charge of water
- More staff resources
- Lower cost share requirement for staffing grants
- Data interpretation – GIS
- Easy access to a wide array of water issues
- Need to know who to go to
- Someone with qualifications to be a watershed coordinator
- Consultants that are affordable