Appendix B - Public Information and Education



OVERVIEW

This appendix contains public participation material for Advisory Council meetings, and Public meetings. The four newsletters are also contained within this appendix. The material is summarized below:

Advisory Council Meetings

- September 14th, 2010 February 10th, 2011 November 29th, 2011

Open House Events

- September 30th, 2010
- December 1st, 2011

Newsletters

- Volume One, August 2010
- Volume Two, January 2011
- Volume Three, September 2011
- Volume Four, April 2012









Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Mangement Plan

Advisory Council Meeting #1

Lower Platte South NRD Office - 3125 Portia Street Tuesday September 14th, 2010 – 5:30 to 7:30PM

1. Introductions (15 minutes)

- Nebraska Open Meetings Act
- Ed Kouma, PE Project Manager, City of Lincoln, Public Works and Utilities, Watershed Management, Project Manager
- Paul Zillig, Assistant Manager, Lower Platte South NRD
- Dale Schlautman, PE EA Engineering, Science, Technology
- Advisory Council Members

2. Introduction to the Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Management Plan (20 minutes)

- Ed Kouma Continued basin planning efforts
- Ed Kouma and Paul Zillig explanation of project
- Dale Schlautman explanation of scope/project team

3. Advisory Council (5 minutes)

- Roles and Responsibilities: Council members will be asked to review elements of the process, ask questions, raise issues, and share information with one another, the public and the project team.
- Questions from the group

Break (15 minutes)

4. Small Group Discussion on Concerns with Water Quality in Antelope Creek (30 minutes)

- Discussion in Two groups, 20 minutes
- One advisory council representative from each group to summarize discussion, 10 minutes

5. September 30, 2010 Open House Discussion (15 minutes)

- Format of meeting
- Public perception of the project?
- Discussion

6. Next Steps/Questions (5 minutes)

- Advisory Council communication, Ed Kouma via email
- Future meeting topics and discussion

7. Contact Info

- Ed Kouma, PE, City of Lincoln, 402-441-7018, ekouma@lincoln.ne.gov
- Dale Schlautman, PE, EA, 402-476-3766, dschlautman@eaest.com
- Jonathan Mohr, AICP, JEO, 402-435-3080, jmohr@jeo.com
- Website <u>www.lincoln.ne.gov</u> (keyword: watershed), click on Master Plans, then Antelope Creek Watershed

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Bob Kuzelka	Retired Professor UNL	Near South Neighborhood
Mike Renken	Executive Director	Neighbor Works
Dale Hardy	Golf Administrator	City of Lincoln
Jennifer Dam, AICP	Assistant Director Campus Planning	UNL
Andrew Campbell	Landscape Department Manager	Campbell's Nursery
Karen Amen	Director	LPS NRD

Other Attendees:

NAME	TITLE	JURISDICTION
Mary Schroer	Non-point Source Pollution Coordinator	NDEQ
Sara Hartzell	Planner	City of Lincoln
Ed Kouma, PE	Engineer	City of Lincoln
Ben Higgins, PE	Senior Engineer	City of Lincoln
Paul Zillig	Assistant Manager	LPS NRD
Jonathan Mohr, AICP	Planner	JEO
Bob Todd	Scientist	EA
Dale Schlautman, PE	Engineer	EA
Jon Trombino, PE	Engineer	EA

When: September 14, 2010

Where: Lower Platte South NRD Office – 3125 Portia Street

MINUTES

The Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Management Plan Advisory Council met for the first time to discuss roles and responsibilities, introduce the project, discuss concerns with Antelope Creek, and provide the Core Work Group with a public perception of the project. Jonathan Mohr facilitated the meeting. Below is a summary of notes, questions, and discussion.

- 1. Introductions in addition to the Advisory Council members, members of the Core Work Group were introduced.
- 2. Roles and responsibilities Council members will be asked to review elements of the process, ask questions, raise issues, and share information with one another, the public, and the project team.

- 3. Kouma and Zillig provided an overview of the project in relation to other planning efforts.
- 4. Schlautman explained the project tasks using a power point presentation.
- 5. Kuzelka asked if the upper portion of the watershed has been covered by a similar plan. Kouma described that a separate effort was undertaken during rehabilitation of Holmes Lake, but nothing like the detail being address as part of this Basin Plan.
- 6. Kuzelka asked about the new stream area, how it will be a high public use area and could become an exposure area. The group discussed the importance of ensuring water in the Creek is safe for the expanded recreational opportunities.
- 7. If Antelope Creek is not meeting Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) now, will we be sampling all the areas including tributaries to determine sources? Yes sampling will be conducted throughout the Basin to more accurately pin point potential contaminate sources.
- 8. Campbell inquired about existing pipes discharging into the Creek from properties that are 'grandfathered' or allowed under some program in the past that may now not be authorized.
- 9. Kuzelka recognized industrial sites in the area, are we going to be looking at historical land use data? –e.g. Lincoln poultry may have had industrial discharges and there may be contaminants still flowing or leaving the site from past use. Higgins explained what level of data would be gathered for the Basin Plan, and that they are not getting into soil sampling or similar methods to collect data. Hardy mentioned he has watched this area and has not seen any discharges from the old Lincoln Poultry area.
- 10. Dam asked about a concern with the Randolph street industrial area, a lot has changed there near the old Coke-Cola Plant.
- 11. Kuzelka asked about the old Cushman plant. The University has it now but that site could be an area where industrial activities left issues.
- 12. Schlautman explained about base line sampling, primarily based on evaluation of the TMDL, but will do some additional sampling to track down sources of the E. coli and ammonia as we work our way through the Antelope Creek watershed.
- 13. Kuzelka asked if the Creek should be posted now to warn the public since it does not meet the TMDL? Todd explained the importance of working to improve water quality and ensure impairments do not worsen. The Creek is 2 to 3 times above the goal listed in the TMDL.
- 14. Dam discussed the old horse barns at the State Fair Park area may be a source of the E. coli and those will be gone, will sampling be done in that area? EA will be conducting sampling of the Creek in that area.
- 15. Amen asked about sampling data throughout the Basin? Schlautman explained that the project team has acquired all available data, or is in the process of collecting additional sampling data.
- 16. Campbell asked about the potential sources of E. coli and ammonia? He considered lawn care and dog/goose waste big possibilities.
- 17. Renken would like to have more meetings because it will be difficult to keep all the information in mind and to offer productive ideas, the group discussed having the second of potentially three meetings in January.

- 18. Kuzelka discussed how it might be nice to develop fact sheets or handout that provides information on what a watershed is and other Antelope Creek issues. What are the Councils duties at the public meeting? Will we have specific tasks? Schlautman and Kouma encouraged Advisory Council members to attend the meeting and direct attendees to one of the project team members to have questions answered.
- 19. Campbell asked about the plan for handout at the public meeting? Need a handout/take away sheet at the meeting. Mohr discussed the game plan to have a project description, FAQs, and other information available, and referenced the City's website.
- 20. Advisory Council discussed keeping the presentation at open house simple, to start with basic such as 'what is a watershed?', keep the presentation educational and not to technical, and not to use acronyms.
- 21. Amen explained importance of getting people involved, beyond engineers and scientist, to change habits towards improving water quality.
- 22. Kuzelka recommended putting neighborhood associations on an overlay of the Antelope Creek Basin map for the meeting. Mohr explained it would be added.
- 23. Amen asked about having people put sticky notes and comments on the large meeting map or have the Council be available to take comments and notes from the public if the crowd is large and they can't get to the poster areas, or don't want to ask questions in public. Mohr explained that project team staff would be available at the 'large map' and markers will be provided to make notes onto the map.
- 24. Kuzelka asked if there would be 1-2 follow up public session to provide input after you have come up with alternatives and Best Management Practices.
- 25. Renken advised that the Mayors Round Table might be a good place to provide public information and get input from neighborhood associations.
- 26. Campbell suggested using Channel 5 public information adds to get the project information out to the public.
- 27. Kuzelka asked about the relationship between the City and the NRD. Zillig, Kouma, and Higgins explained that they often alternate being the lead on projects, and commonly split cost and responsibilities.
- 28. Campbell recommended index cards at the back of the room for people to write comments/questions would be a big help. Mohr explained there would be a box at the sign-in table for feedback.
- 29. Campbell thought Jan/Feb meeting would be a good time to get back together since a lot of the work will be done and the BMPs may have been evaluated enough to get Council input.
- 30. Amen asked if the Council could get copies of the descriptions of the actual tasks. The minutes will include copy of actual tasks.
- 31. Mohr asked the group how do they look at Antelope Creek, as a Creek or a stormwater drain? Overall the group expressed desire to ensure it becomes cleaner and more natural. Work to find a balance between urbanization and the stream.
- 32. Campbell asked how much groundwater seeped into the Creek.
- 33. Amen wanted to be sure and recognizes all efforts in the Basin, such as the Assurity Building, Union Park best management practices, etc. We could involve others who have been involved in the project area in the past.

- 34. Renken mentioned Union Bank and others who have provided funding and other involvement in the planning.
- 35. The City has put a lot of money into the Antelope Creek Basin and now the public will have access to the area in Union Plaza so we need to consider what the water quality will be and make sure we do not have water quality issues in the area or the public will question why the money was spent.

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Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Mangement Plan

Advisory Council Meeting #2

Lower Platte South NRD Office - 3125 Portia Street Thursday February 10, 2011 – 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

- 1. Introductions (5 minutes)
 - Nebraska Open Meetings Act
- 2. Advisory Council Roles and Responsibilities "Council members will be asked to review elements of the process, ask questions, raise issues, and share information with one another, the public and the project team."
- 3. Status of the Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Management Plan Trombino (20 minutes)
 - Basin inventory summary
 - Sampling efforts
 - Best management practice selection
 - Summary of findings
- 4. Public Involvement Discussion Mohr (20 minutes)
 - September 30, 2010 open house summary
 - Suggestions for stakeholder meetings (community groups, neighborhood associations, others to present and discuss the Basin Plan)
 - Open House Number 2 of 2 anticipated for July 2011
- 5. Questions from Advisory Council (10 minutes)
- 6. Next Steps/Timeline (5 minutes)
 - Final Advisory Council Meeting likely prior to last Open House
 - Draft plan August 2011, Final Plan September 2011

Core Work Group Contact Info

- Ed Kouma, PE, City of Lincoln, 402-441-7018, ekouma@lincoln.ne.gov
- Paul Zillig, Lower Platte South NRD, 402-476-2779, pzillig@lpsnrd.org
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Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Mangement Plan Advisory Council Meeting #2 - Minutes

Advisory Council:

NAME	TITLE	JURISDICTION
Bob Kuzelka	Citizen	Near South Neighborhood
Mike Renken	Executive Director	Neighbor Works
Dale Hardy	Golf Administrator	City of Lincoln
Rachael Herpel	Outreach Coordinator	UNL Water Center
Andrew Campbell	Landscape Department Manager	Campbell's Nursery
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Scott Wieskamp	Director of Facilities	Lincoln Public Schools
Adam Hornung	City Council	City of Lincoln

Other Attendees:

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Paul Zillig	Assistant Manager	LPS NRD
Jonathan Mohr, AICP	Environmental Scientist/Planner	EA
Jon Trombino, PE	Engineer	EA
Jamie Suing	Engineer	EA
Lalit Jha, PE, CFM, D.WRE	Engineer	JEO

When: February 10, 2011, 7:30 to 8:30 AM

Where: Lower Platte South NRD Office – 3125 Portia Street

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The Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Management Plan Advisory Council met for the second of three anticipated meetings. The meeting intent was to bring the Council up to speed on project progress, summarize findings of the initial sampling effort and basin inventory, and to discuss possible stakeholder meetings.

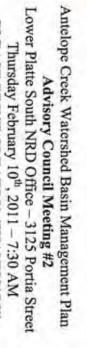
- 1. Introductions (7:35 AM) Advisory Council members introduced themselves, followed by other members in attendance.
- Jonathan Mohr began the meeting by thanking Advisory Council members for participating, covering the agenda, reviewing the roles and responsibilities, and turning discussion to Jon Trombino to discuss the task summary.
- 3. Trombino covered the project team's progress thus far including a summary of the basin inventory and sampling results, work being completed with Wright Water Engineers (WWE) and Dr. Pitt, and the game plan for the next three months.
- 4. Andrew Campbell asked if there was an expectation or engineering standard to determine the performance of each Best Management Practice (BMP). Trombino explained the advantage of

- having WWE's International BMP database, which includes information on BMP performance overtime.
- 5. Andrew Campbell asked if any other pollutants were present (besides Ammonia and *E.coli*), such as Phosphates. Trombino provided a summary of sampling thus far, *E.coli* remained the most prevalent pollutant, unexpected results haven't occurred.
- 6. Discussion occurred about the timing of the next Advisory Council meeting. Ed Kouma mentioned the Advisory Council would meet again prior to the draft plan being available for review. Paul Zillig added that the Council would be used to help the project team better understand issues and possible questions the public may have to better prepare the project team when the draft is ready for public review.
- 7. Mohr began discussion of remaining items on Public Information and Education. Newsletter number two is being mailed this week; there will be two more newsletters. EA and JEO have six stakeholder meetings to facilitate. Mohr asked the Council's input on potential stakeholder groups to meet with, maybe for a one-hour presentation, to increase outreach on the Basin Plan.
- 8. Bob Kuzelka presented to the Near South Neighborhood Association and provided information on the planning effort. Kuzelka stated that a one-hour presentation to any stakeholder group is probably too much and recommended sending a letter (from the City and NRD) to each Association in the project area to seek interest, or to spread news on the Basin Plan potentially through articles in their newsletters.
- 9. John Chapo recommended contacting the Downtown Lincoln Association, Local Public Access Channel 5 to include information on how people can receive more information. Chapo also recommended putting a post together about the project. Due to Antelope Creek improvements one area of the Zoo will be closed this summer and Chapo has offered to use that area to post information on the Basin Plan.
- 10. Andrew Campbell recommended contacting science teachers at Lincoln Southeast and possibly presenting to a group.
- 11. Councilman Hornung recommended contacting both the Lincoln Independent Business Association and the Homebuilders Association; and possibly the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce.
- 12. Bob Kuzelka emphasized using the level of knowledge used at the first Open House when discussing the project and recommended booth information at City Earth Day events, Open House at the Zoo, and UNL's Earth Day events.
- 13. Other discussions included the Earth Wellness Festival.
- 14. Rachael Herpel asked about using the Basin Plan to discuss at a Fall 2011 Water Seminar Series at UNL.
- 15. Mike Renken recommended the Mayors Roundtable, Tracey Corr is the primary contact.
- 16. Next Advisory Council meeting maybe late-July 2011.
- 17. Scott Wieskamp mentioned that one of the schools could be used for the next Open House.
- 18. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 AM

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Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Mangement Plan Advisory Council Meeting #3

Lower Platte South NRD Office - 3125 Portia Street Tuesday November 29, 2011 -7:30 AM

- 1. Introductions (5 minutes)
 - Introductions
 - Nebraska Open Meetings Act
- 2. Update since February 2011 Meeting (5 minutes)
 - Extension of timeline and contract
 - WinSLAMM completion July 2011
 - Water Quality Sampling completion September 2011
 - Recommendations and strategies November 2011
- 3. Open House #2 Presentation (15 minutes)
- 4. General Discussion of Programs / Projects
 - Public perception of programs / projects
- 5. Next Steps/Questions (5 minutes)
 - Open House #2, Thursday December 1, 2011 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
 - Review comments, finalize Master Plan
 - January/February 2012 City Council / NRD approvals
- 6. **Contact Info**
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 - Paul Zillig, LPSNRD, 402-476-2729
 - Jon Trombino, PE, EA, 402-476-3766, itrombino@eaest.com
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Paul Zillig	Assistant Manager	LPS NRD
JB Dixon	Stormwater Specialist	LPS NRD
Jonathan Mohr, AICP	Environmental Scientist/Planner	EA
Jon Trombino, PE	Engineer	EA
Jamie Suing	Engineer	EA
JD Johnson, PE	Engineer	JEO

When: November 29, 2011 7:30 to 8:30 AM

Where: Lower Platte South NRD Office – 3125 Portia Street

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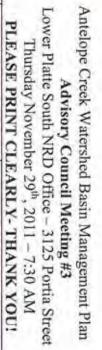
The Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Management Plan Advisory Council met for the last of three anticipated meetings. The meeting intent was to go through the Open House presentation to be shown Thursday December 1, 2011 in order to bring the group up to speed on plan recommendations, in addition to allowing the Advisory Council to critique the presentation.

- 1. Introductions (7:35 AM) Advisory Council members introduced themselves, followed by other members in attendance.
- 2. Jonathan Mohr began the meeting by thanking Advisory Council members for participating and summarizing the extended project timeline.
- 3. Jonathan Mohr began the presentation along with Jon Trombino, which extended through the entire meeting.
- 4. Several Advisory Council members commented on wording of the presentation and had suggestions to make the presentation better for the public to understand.
- 5. Paul Zillig suggested having someone available for water quality questions at the open house.

- 6. Adam Hornung recommended emphasizing what we thought were the pollutant loads (wildlife and pets).
- 7. The group asked several questions about specifics on what 'impairments' (copper, conductivity, selenium) were versus 'constituents of concern (*E. coli* and ammonia). Trombino provided an explanation.
- 8. Karen Amen asked about the groundwater influence to the stream. Mohr and Suing explained the areas downstream of the Vine Street where groundwater boils are visible.
- 9. Kuzelka asked if the Open House was for public input or just to provide further information to the public. Mohr mentioned that there would be public hearings after the plan is developed prior to adoption of the plan by the NRD and City Council.
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 AM.

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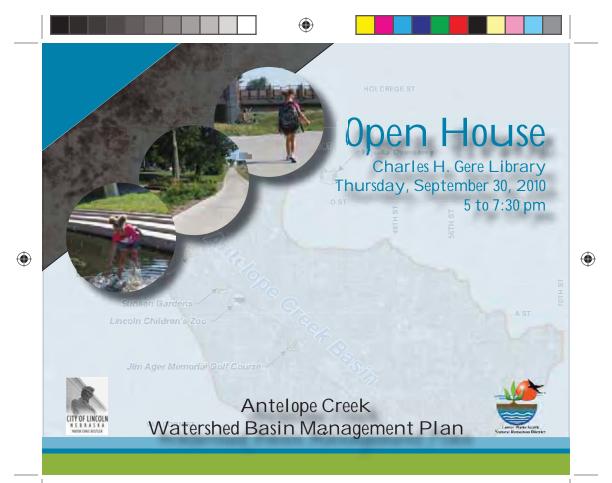
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Open House

You are invited to attend an Open House to learn about the Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Management Plan and provide input to the project team.

Bring your family, invite a friend, and take an active role in improving the health of your watershed!



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Charles H. Gere Library

2400 South 56th Street (56th & Normal) Thursday, September 30, 2010 5 to 7:30 pm

(20 minute presentations at 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm)

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OPEN HOUSE #1 SUMMARY AND NOTES

Project: Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Management Plan

Date: Thrusday September 30, 2010

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Location: Charles H. Gere Library, 2400 S. 56th Street

Submitted by: Jonathan Mohr on February 3, 2011

OPEN HOUSE FORMAT

• Three stations with focuses on: water quality, floodplains, and best management practices in corners of the room

- One very large map of the project area with key landmarks over a 2007 aerial photo, markers provided
- Sign in table with: project summary, sign-in sheet, feed back forms, newsletter one
- City of Lincoln Watershed information on rain barrels and rain garden classes
- Seating for 80 with a power point presentation

PRESENTATION FORMAT

Jonathan Mohr, JEO, started the 15-minute presentation by thanking participants for attending and discussing general information such as 'what is a watershed', 'what is stormwater runoff', and what are the pollutants of concern. Jonathan discussed the project purpose and explained the teaming arrangement between the City and NRD. Dale Schlautman, EA, discussed the project scope and explained some stormwater quality best management practices. The presentation was repeated at 6:30, questions were held until the conclusion of the first presentation once the group was welcomed to mingle with the Core Working Group and view the education boards. Questions were accepted immediately after the second presention prior to participants moving about.

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION SUMMARY

Due to an article published in local papers just prior to the open house a great majority of questions were concering the public safety risk associated with the body contact with the water in Antelope Creek. Other common themes asked by the nearly 100 participants were:

- 1) As a homeowner what can I do to help improve the water quality?
- 2) Will the plan improve flood control?
- 3) What are the immediate health risks?
- 4) What types of projects will we see due to the plan?

A rain barrel was presented to a meeting participant by the City of Lincoln Watershed. The next open house is anticipated for July 2011. Nearly the entire core work group was in attendance along with five members of the Advisory Council (see sign-in sheets).





Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Management Plan

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Open House #2

You are invited to attend an Open House to learn about 1) Results of the Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Management Plan and 2) Projects and programs being recommended to improve the water quality in Antelope Creek.

Bring your family, invite a friend, and take an active role in improving the health of your watershed!

Auld Pavilion

3140 Sumner

(Located in Antelope Park | Note: South Street is closed west of Normal Blvd., access to Antelope Park is recommended from 31st & A Streets)

Thursday, December 1, 2011

5:00 to 7:00 pm

(20 minute presentations at 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm)

<u>Door Prize</u>
One Rain Barrel provided by the City of Lincoln

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OPEN HOUSE #2 SUMMARY AND NOTES

Project: Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Management Plan

Date: Thursday December 1, 2011

Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Location: Auld Pavilion – 3140 Summer, Lincoln, NE Submitted by: Jonathan Mohr on December 6, 2011

OPEN HOUSE FORMAT

• Three stations with focuses on: structural recommendations, non-structural recommendations, and City/NRD programs

- One very large map of the project area with structural recommendations
- Sign in table with: project summary, sign-in sheet, feed back forms, newsletters 1-3
- City of Lincoln Watershed information on rain barrels and rain garden classes
- Seating for 100 with a presentation

PRESENTATION FORMAT

Open House attendees spent time before and after the presenation asking project team members questions on project recommendations.

A rain barrel was presented to a meeting participant by the City of Lincoln Watershed. Three members of the Advisory Committee were present as well as several of the Core Work Group members.





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Watershed News

Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Management Plan

The City of Lincoln and Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD) are working with a project team of scientists and engineers to establish the Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Management Plan (Basin Plan).

What is the concern with Antelope Creek?

The water quality in a stretch of Antelope Creek starting at the outlet of Holmes Lake Dam and extending to Salt Creek (Figure

Levels of E. Coli bacteria and ammonia in Antelope Creek could pose a threat to public health and safety if actions are not taken to improve the water quality.

1, page 2), contains elevated levels of E. Coli bacteria, ammonia, and other contaminants that are considered to cause impairments to everyday uses of the creek. The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ), as required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has listed Antelope Creek on the State list, known as the 303(d) list. These contaminants may pose a public health and safety risk.

What is being done to improve the water quality?

The Basin Plan will serve as a road map for actions to improve the water quality in the creek in order to potentially remove it from

the NDEQ 303(d) impaired waters listing. Improved water quality in the Antelope Creek will lead to improved public health, safety, and welfare as well as increased aesthetics and other natural benefits to Antelope Creek and adjacent areas.

How is the Basin Plan different than the Antelope Valley Project?

The Basin Plan focuses on improvement of water quality in the creek through reduction of pollutants in stormwater runoff. The Antelope Valley Project focused on infrastructure improvements to reduce the threat of flooding in the City, improve transportation, and create recreational and economic development opportunities. Other master plans completed by the City and NRD have focused on drainage, stream bank erosion, and protection of property and infrastructure from flooding, as well as water quality.

What will the Basin Plan do to improve water quality?

The Basin Plan will serve as a tool for the City and NRD staff, as well as other planning and design engineers, to proactively forecast, evaluate, and manage stormwater quality impacts. The plan will identify and manage stormwater quality issues associated with existing and future re-development of the City through identification of structural and non-structural Best Management Practices (BMPs) in specific areas in the Basin designed to



Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Management Plan

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Who is paying for the Basin Plan and when will it be complete?

The City of Lincoln and Lower Platte South NRD are splitting the cost of the Basin Plan. The project began in May 2010 and is anticipated to be complete by September 2011. The Basin Plan will help the City and NRD when applying for Federal and State funds to assist with design and construction costs necessary in order to implement solutions identified in the plan.

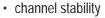
What are possible ways to improve water quality?

Water quality can be improved through both structural and non-structural solutions. Some examples of structural solutions include:

- bioswales
- rain gardens
- hydrodynamic separators
- · wetland areas
- sand filters
- grassed buffers/bio-retention
- · pervious pavement
- · Silva Cells
- · rain barrels

Non-structural solutions, many of which are being implemented in Lincoln, may include programs within the basin to encourage activities such as:

- · cleaning up after pets
- · use of low phosphorus or phosphorus free fertilizers
- · use of phosphate-free detergents for washing vehicles
- sweeping excess fertilizers from paved areas
- · cleaning up gutters, sidewalks, and driveways
- · proper disposal of household hazardous waste
- · storm drain stencilling
- · street sweeping



- · infiltration basins



Project Area Demographics 48.500 full time residents and 8.500 UNL students live and work within the Antelope Creek Basin.



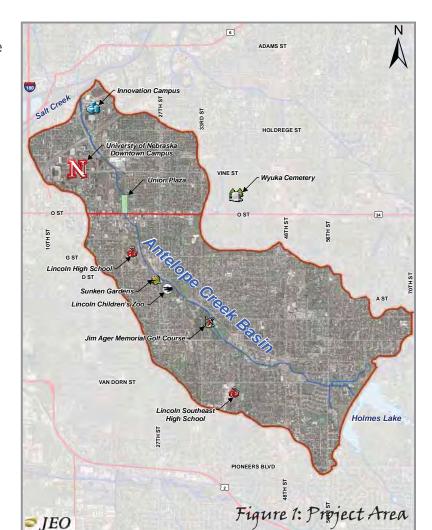












Meet the Team



Ed Kouma, PE

Role City of Lincoln Project Manager

Professional Summary B.S. in Civil Engineering from UNL, Engineer with the Watershed Management Division of City of Lincoln Public Works & Utilities

Personal Interest in the Project I feel the most important part of my job is public education about water resources. Each of us has a role to play in protecting the quality of runoff water and managing it in a way that protects our streams and lakes. As the awareness of personal responsibility grows, we will see the results in the improvement of the environment around us. This Basin Management Plan will give us the understanding of water quality issues within this basin and provide tools which may be used to continue the City's on-going efforts of improving the quality of water in our lakes and streams.



Dale Schlautman, PE

Role Consulting Team Project Manager

<u>Professional Summary</u> Civil Engineer, M.S. in Agricultural and Biological Systems Engineering from UNL. Employed by EA Engineering, Science and Technology for 18 years, Dale serves as the Lincoln Branch Manager.

<u>Personal Interest in the Project</u> I believe that the most satisfying projects are those that make a real difference in our community. The Basin Plan is one of those projects. Through this project, the City of Lincoln and the Lower Platte South NRD have the opportunity to improve the environment in which we live and raise our families. Improving water quality in urbanized areas is particularly challenging and the solutions identified will not only help the Antelope Creek Basin, but can be applied to other watersheds throughout the City and the NRD.

more information...visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: watershed)

The Project Team

This is a joint project led by the City of Lincoln and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District.

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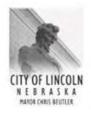
The Basin Plan is being developed under the guidance of an Advisory Council appointed by Mayor Beutler that will meet periodically throughout the project. The Advisory Council includes both citizens and a core work group of technical representatives. The Council will provide ideas and concerns, review key findings, provide input about problem areas, and review final recommendations. The 12-member council includes representatives from neighborhoods, business owners, and various agencies.

Non-profit Agency	Mike Renkin, NeighborWorks
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OPEN HOUSE

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2400 South 56th Street (56th & Normal)
Thursday, September 30, 2010 | 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Presentations at 5:30 and 6:30 open discussion and 20 minute presentation (shown twice) with City and NRD staff and the scientist and engineers working on the Basin Plan to improve water quality in Antelope Creek.

You are invited to attend an Open House to learn about the Basin Plan and provide input to the project team.

Bring your family, invite a friend, and take an active role in improving the health of your watershed!





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Watershed News

Antelope Creek Watershed Land Uses and Pollutant Loads

Due to the urbanized nature of the Antelope Creek Watershed, the pollution in stormwater runoff (particularly E.Coli bacteria and ammonia) has become a concern to the City of Lincoln and Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD). Stormwater runoff originates from precipitation events such as rainfall or snowmelt. As stormwater drains through the watershed towards the creek as runoff, pollutants, such as fertilizers from lawns and animal waste, travel with the water into the creek. The City of Lincoln and the NRD are working together to improve water quality, by managing the amount of pollutants in stormwater runoff as part of the Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Management Plan



(Basin Plan).

Stormwater runoff is collected through a system of curbs and gutters, open channels, and pipes that create the storm drain system. Runoff is discharged into the creek at approximately 221 known locations along the 5.5 miles of Antelope Creek in the Basin Plan project area. The project team has been collecting and testing water samples at approximately 17 of the outfalls during dry-weather. Nine locations along Antelope Creek have also been sampled both during dry weather and after a rain.



Land Uses in Antelope Creek

Land use categories describe how property owners utilize the land, such as residential for homes, commercial for businesses, and industrial for manufacturing. The amount of stormwater runoff can vary greatly depending upon the type of land use. Lower intensity land uses, such as residential lots, allow a greater amount of stormwater runoff to infiltrate into

the ground, while higher intensity land uses (commercial or industrial areas) allow runoff to move rapidly across impervious surfaces and travel more rapidly into the creek. Impervious surfaces, such as parking lots and rooftops, convey stormwater

runoff quickly compared to more permeable surfaces such as lawns, golf courses, and open spaces. A breakdown of land uses in the Basin Plan project area is found in Table 1.

Table 1: Land Use Type	Total Acres	Percentage of Project Area
Single Family Residential	1,879	38%
Multiple Family Residential	309	6%
Commercial (Shopping Areas)	182	4%
Industrial	94	2%
Public/Quasi-Public (Schools)	639	13%
Transportation (Roads)	1,261	25%
Park/Recreation/Open Space	569	12%
TOTAL	4,933	100%

Source: City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department

Stormwater Runoff Potential - Typical Single Family Lot

Over 38% of the project area consists of approximately 10,000 single-family residential lots. The figures below show stormwater runoff amounts from an example residential lot (Figure 1). The same lot is shown in Figure 2 with two rain barrels, a rain garden, and pervious pavement.

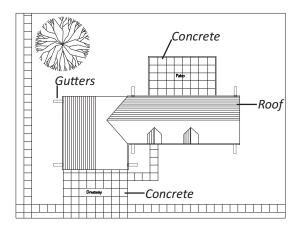


Figure 1 - Typical Lot

Lot Size: 14,520 sq. ft. | Total Coverage: 5,176 sq. ft. (36%) One Inch Rain Runoff Potential: 3,230 gallons

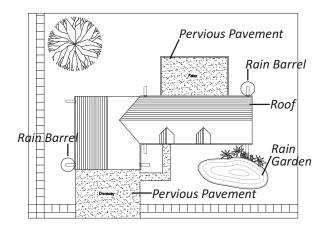


Figure 2 - Typical Lot with Best Management Practices

Lot Size: 14,520 sq. ft. | Total Coverage: 5,176 sq. ft. (36%)

Pervious Pavement: 1,630 sq. ft. (11%) One Inch Rain Runoff Potential: 1,343 gallons

The roughly 1,900 gallons retained from a one inch rain event might seem small until it is multiplied by the approximately 10,000 lots within the watershed. The water retained on each lot will infiltrate into the ground and replenish groundwater tables and be filtered prior to entering Antelope Creek. Along with reducing the quantity of water flowing rapidly into Antelope Creek, it would also reduce the pollutant loads into Antelope Creek. Residents using rain barrels will also be able to reuse the rainwater during dry weather conditions, reducing their water bill over time.

Open House Summary

A key component to the success of the Basin Plan is public input and education. The project overall will include four newsletters, Advisory Council meetings, stakeholder meetings, a website, and interest group meetings focusing on neighborhood associations and commercial property owners. The first of two open houses was held September 30, 2010, with nearly 100 people in attendance; the final Open House is anticipated for July 2011. Below are a few questions from those attending with corresponding answers from the first Open House meeting:

- Q: How can an individual property owner have a positive impact on the watershed?
- A: Individuals can do simple things like using a non-phosphorus fertilizer, sweeping excess fertilizer from sidewalks and driveways, and picking up pet waste. If a lot of property owners each do a little, there will be a positive impact on the basin with improved water quality.
- Q: How will projects identified in the Basin Plan be funded?
- A: City of Lincoln Storm Bonds, Lower Platte South NRD Funds, and grants received from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality are key funding sources.
- Q: Will this Basin Plan eliminate flooding issues in the Antelope Creek?
- A: The Basin Plan focuses on improving water quality, not reducing flooding impacts. Numerous other plans completed by the City and NRD have focused on flood control.



Congratulations!

Eldon Ogorzolka won a rain barrel at the open house, provided by the City of Lincoln.



Meet the Team



Dr. Robert Pitt

Role: Technical Consultant (Wright Water Engineering)

Professional Summary: PhD from the University of Wisconsin, MSCE from San Jose State University, and B.S. from Humboldt State University

Personal Interest in the Project: Helping to solve environmental problems is a challenge and a very rewarding experience for me, especially when applying research results to actual situations. My interest in this project is helping to develop cost-effective solutions that build on current knowledge by applying newly developed robust technologies.



Paul Zillia

Role: Lower Platte South NRD Project Manager
Professional Summary: B.S. in Natural Resources and Agricultural
Economics from UNL, Assistant Manager for the Lower Platte South NRD
Personal Interest in the Project: I live in the Antelope Creek Watershed
above Holmes Lake and recreate along Antelope Creek on the Billy Wolff
Trail, the Ager Junior Golf Course, and Union Plaza in Antelope Valley. The
NRD has improved water quality in Antelope Creek by nearly eliminating
streambank erosion. The challenge now is to continue to find ways to
reduce non-point source contaminants to acceptable levels.

The Project Team

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Project Schedule		
2011	Tasks	
Winter	Identify Pollutant SourcesIdentify Best Management Practices	
Spring	Water Quality MonitoringEstablish Projects to ImproveWater Quality	
Summer	• Open House #2 • Final Plan	
Ongoing	Informational and Educational Process	

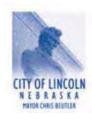
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ANTELOPE CREEK POLLUTANT SOURCES

In order to assemble management strategies to improve water quality a 'basin inventory' was completed by the project team during the summer and fall of 2010. Information collected included; water sampling data, field notes, outfall locations, historical records, and a land use breakdown. The information collected is being used to help identify possible sources of pollution in the watershed. Below is a summary of some possible pollutant sources:

Wildlife and Pet Waste – Twenty-nine bridge crossings were found, many of which are older and allow birds to nest and perch, where their droppings may contribute to some contaminants in the creek. Many new bridges nearly eliminate areas for birds to perch. Existing habitat in the watershed provides room for wildlife such as raccoons, squirrels, and feral animals that contribute to pollution sources. Domesticated pets, such as dogs and cats, can also provide a significant source of pollution if waste is not properly disposed.





Fertilizers and Phosphorus in Soils – Excess nutrients in the stream, which may originate from over-fertilizing and soil erosion, contribute to algal blooms in the water. Improper storage and disposal of fertilizers or incidental application to impervious surfaces, such as concrete driveways and sidewalks, can lead to nutrients entering the creek through stormwater runoff.





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Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Management Plan

Over the past year Antelope Creek has been studied, monitored, and modeled to determine sources of potential contamination. Information gathered will be utilized for the Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Management Plan (Basin Plan). The Basin Plan will outline the most effective pollution reduction strategies to improve the water quality of Antelope Creek. The Basin Plan will describe actions the City of Lincoln (City) and Lower Plate South Natural Resources District (NRD) can take to improve water quality over the next several years. Actions will include reducing bacteria in the stream and minimizing loadings of pollutants such as nutrients and sediments. Below is a summary of the lessons learned over the last year and descriptions of potential alternatives that the project team is considering.

What Have We Learned?

Pollutant sources contributing to bacteria in Antelope Creek do not appear to be point sources, such as illegal discharges, malfunctioning sanitary sewer lines, or runoff directly contributed by a single property. Bacteria in Antelope Creek appears to originate from several general sources across the entire watershed. These potential nonpoint sources include birds and other wildlife, pet waste, and urban stormwater runoff (which collects bacteria from gutters, rooftops, etc.).

Once bacteria enter Antelope Creek, the stream system holds and incubates bacteria through natural functions. Overall, the amount of bacteria that occurs in Antelope

Creek is typical of streams in other urban areas across the U.S. The U.S. **Environmental Protection** Agency's (EPA) nationwide standard for bacteria levels in recreational stream segments, such as



{Waterfowl Commonly Use the Creek}

Antelope Creek, are stringent and very challenging to meet without going to the large expense of intensive instream treatment alternatives. Therefore, the goals are to work toward a sustainable reduction of pollutant levels. These goals will guide project and program development as part of final plan recommendations.



{EA Staff Collecting Wet Weather Field Data, Spring 2011, Near Holmes Lake}

What is the Next Step?

As part of the Basin Plan, the consultant team will outline activities for the City and NRD to implement that will focus on reducing bacteria levels and improving the overall health of Antelope Creek. Regulatory agencies, such as EPA and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ), monitor activities that communities are taking to improve water quality in impaired streams such as Antelope Creek. Establishment of the Basin Plan is a vital step in working

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towards regulatory goals set up by the EPA and NDEQ. Below is a summary of stormwater controls that are being considered for incorporation in the Basin Plan.

Potential Structural Stormwater Controls

- Roof runoff: rain gardens, disconnection of downspouts from the storm drain, rain barrels
- Pavement runoff: redirection of gutters that flow onto pavements, biofiltration, porous pavement, retrofitting parking lots to infiltrate stormwater runoff
- Street side drainage: grass swales and curb-cut bio-filters
- Outfalls: wet detention ponds and retrofitting dry ponds
- Grass areas: buffer strips, tall grass
- Birds: retrofit bridges to limit roosting and nesting

Potential Non-Structural Stormwater Controls

- Pet waste: pick-up after pets programs
- Lawn care: encourage non-phosphorus fertilizers, limiting lawn fertilizing, sweep excess fertilizer
- Operation and maintenance: plan for sediment removal from selected creek areas
- Public Work practices: street sweeping and catch basin cleaning



{Wet Weather Flows Near Confluence with Salt Creek}



{Lincoln Children's Zoo Rain Garden}

Where larger spaces are available, a combination of practices, called a treatment train, would be the most efficient method of improving or limiting stormwater runoff. The above listed control practices are currently being evaluated based largely on the land use and availability of space to construct a project.



Plan Recommendations

Previous research and data analysis is being used for the evaluation of several alternatives, including potential residential area demonstration projects (10 to 20 acre areas) in select locations of the Antelope Creek watershed. Also being looked at are watershed based incentive programs, city policy changes, and other programs and projects. Recommendations for specific project locations and sizes are being determined.

Recommended projects and programs will be provided at an upcoming Open House, planned for November 2011.

The Basin Plan is scheduled to be finalized in December 2011, following review and approval by the City and NRD. The next step will be to incorporate projects and programs into capital improvement programs, seek funding for construction and implementation, and continue to inform and educate the public on the numerous environmental benefits effected by the Basin Plan. Lessons learned from the Basin Plan will be incorporated into future planning efforts city-wide.

website.

Meet the Team



Jane Clary

Role: Technical Expert (Water Quality)

<u>Professional Summary:</u> Senior Water Resources Scientist at Wright Water Engineers, Inc. in Denver, Colorado. Jane's background includes an M.S. in Environmental Science from the University of Colorado and a B.S. in Economics from Vanderbilt University. She serves as a Project Manager on the International Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) Database project, which she has been involved with for over 15 years. <u>Personal Interest in the Project:</u> The Antelope Creek project is of significant interest to Jane because it provides an opportunity to work with a community committed to water quality improvement in the challenging context of bacteria pollutants.



Jon Trombino, P.E.

Role: Project Manager/Engineering Lead

<u>Professional Summary:</u> Engineer, B.S. from the University of Nebraska in Biological Systems Engineering. Project manager and professional engineer with EA Engineering, Science, and Technology in Lincoln, Nebraska for 6 years.

Personal Interest in the Project: "My entire career I have been very interested in low impact design concepts. A big piece of the low impact design strategy is the reduction of stormwater runoff quantity and the improvement of water quality. This project involves work in both of those areas. I have really enjoyed studying the watershed and seeing how the different land uses impact the water quality. As we move into the next phase of the project, I am excited to work with our team to develop best management practices that will improve the water quality in Antelope Creek and make it a wonderful asset to the citizens of Lincoln."

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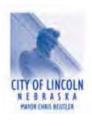
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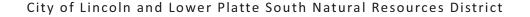
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Monitoring the Water Quality of Antelope Creek

Water quality monitoring is used as a tool for establishing baseline conditions, evaluating potential sources, and improving the effectiveness of future projects used to improve water quality. Monitoring activities have included sediment and water sampling as well as collection of the streams physical parameters such as flow, pH, conductivity, temperature,





and dissolved oxygen. Water sampling for this project has been completed during three different time periods at 11 stream locations and 17 outfalls.

- Dry weather sampling sampling taken after at least four consecutive days without rain. Dry weather sampling is a representation of flows into the stream other than stormwater runoff (such as springs). Dry weather sampling was completed three times and tested for *E. coli* bacteria, total coliform, ammonia, dissolved organic carbon, and total phosphorus.
- Wet weather sampling many pollutants, including solids, nutrients, metals, and bacteria, are washed into Antelope Creek during rain events. Sampling is conducted within 24-hours after rainfall stops. Samples were tested for the same parameters as the dry weather sampling.
- Sediment sampling sediment samples were collected at 11 locations twice during the project. These samples were tested for *E. coli* bacteria, chemical oxygen demand, fecal coliform, phosphorus, and total nitrogen. Sediment sampling data helps describe the overall health of the stream.

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