

WETLANDS WORKING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY - PLANNING AND ZONING FOR CLEAN WATER

Wednesday, December 4 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Ferrettie/Baugo Creek - St. Joseph County Parks, 57057 Ash Road, Osceola, IN 46561

Refreshments will be provided.

There is no cost, but registration is required. Register at www.swmpc.org or call (269) 925-1137 x 21

AICP CM credits are available.

****The county or municipality within the St. Joseph River Watershed (Lake Michigan) with the most attendees will receive custom wetland maps.****

Learn about the status of wetlands (existing and historic), the benefits and functions wetlands provide in your community, new wetland data that is now available for informing planning and zoning decisions, zoning techniques for protecting wetlands and water quality.

Bring your master plan and zoning ordinance to review if it adequately addresses wetlands and water quality!

Agenda:

Welcome/Introductions/Overview – Marcy Colclough, Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) and Mitch Barloga, Northwestern Indianan Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) and IN Chapter of APA

Wetlands Overview (definition, what a wetland looks like, functions/benefits, existing/historic, current protection limitations and need for local protection) – Joe Exl, NIRPC

Wetland Function Assessment (level 1 assessment, acreage (quantitative) vs. function (qualitative), how the data can be used) (30 min) – Matt Meersman, Friends of the St. Joseph River

Wetland Protection Options (master plan language, need for local protection, zoning options – building setbacks and vegetative buffers, wetland protection ordinance (permitting), site plan review standards, building restrictions for hydric soils, overlay districts, open space developments, etc.) - Marcy Colclough, SWMPC

Local Example(s) (IN - Porter County) – Bob Thompson, Porter County, IN

Discussion and Review of Local Plans/Ordinances/Maps