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2011 CommunityWorks Land Use Drill Down

Overall Goal: Tools that DeKalb County decision makers use to inform future land use decisions have been provided and utilized.

What has been accomplished?

- ✚ Convened a committee of land use stakeholders as the CommunityWorks Land Use Committee and developed a resource committee to support and educate the Land Use Committee.
- ✚ Education of Land Use Committee on planning and zoning, forest preserves and conservation, and Smart Growth principles.
- ✚ Co-Sponsored “Growing Smarter – Creating a Sustainable Future for DeKalb County Communities” with Chicago Wilderness’ Sustainable Watershed Action Team, DeKalb County Regional Planning Commission, University of Illinois Extension – DeKalb County, and Kishwaukee River Ecosystem Partnership
- ✚ Conducted information gathering meetings with the leadership of 12 of the 14 DeKalb County municipalities around land use priorities. Reviewed information and determined water issues to be a common land use priority across municipalities.
- ✚ Informational and networking meeting with The Conservation Foundation director to discuss opportunities and resource sharing.
- ✚ In partnership with the DeKalb County Regional Planning Commission and the DeKalb County Planning and Zoning Department, co-hosted a workshop “On-Line Tools for Stormwater Management & Planning” that included a presentation on “Sustainable Water Resource Management in DeKalb County” available here:

<http://www.dekalbcountyfoundation.org/documents/SustainableStormwaterPresentationPart1.pdf>

<http://www.dekalbcountyfoundation.org/documents/SustainableStormwaterPresentationPart2.pdf>

- ✚ Developed a mini-grant program open to DeKalb County municipalities present at the workshop to hire a consultant to add or enhance the stormwater management piece of the municipality's comprehensive plan. The three municipalities that received mini-grants in 2010 are;

City of Genoa	\$5,000
Village of Kingston	\$5,000
Village of Maple Park	\$5,000

What's next?

- ✚ In partnership with the Metropolitan Planning Council, create a Community Toolkit of funding sources for water issues for possible leveraging of CommunityWorks Land Use funds.
- ✚ Exploration of regional watershed planning as an area of impact in DeKalb County.

Land Use Committee Members

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Land Use Committee Resources

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