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[Fwd: Kalamazoo River Watershed Umbrella Organization]

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At its March 29, 2006 meeting, a group of us met to discuss how to proceed in developing a

new watershed-wide umbrella organization out of the current Kalamazoo River Watershed

Council (KRWC).

KRWC President Steve Hamilton outlined the organization's history, accomplishments and

current bylaws. After much discussion, the group set up the following work groups:

VISION, MISSION AND GOALS, INCLUDING IDENTIFICATION AND CLARIFICATION OF ISSUES, PROBLEMS

AND OPPORTUNITIES

Liz Boniemi

Don Brown

Larry DeLong

Julia Kirkwood

Lowell Knapp

Michelle Richards

Jeff Spoelstra

REVIEW AND REVISE CURRENT KRWC BYLAWS

John Byrnes

Jim Coury

Patricia Fenn

Steve Hamilton

Mike Tenenbaum

Robert Whitedes

FUNDING – SHORT TERM AND SUSTAINABLE

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Jim Coury

Sue Founé

Kenny Kornheiser

Scott Miller

Jeff Spoelstra

NOTE: IF YOU COULDN'T MAKE THE MARCH 29 MEETING, BUT WISH TO GET INVOLVED IN ANY OF THE

ABOVE WORKING GROUPS, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH ANY OF ITS MEMBERS, OR YOU MAY CALL ME.

Jim Coury discussed the role of partnership agreements, and how they might be used in this

effort. After much discussion, the group agreed they could be of value, but not at this

time.

Matt Dunstone of Boiling Water Productions was there to discuss his funded project to

produce a video which documents the October, 2005 Public Forum and another which helps to

tell the positive side of the river and watershed, and which can be used to recruit members,

sponsors and supporters for the new watershed organization. The first is done, but the

later video needs to have a script and outline before Matt can proceed. All agreed it best

to wait until the above committees have done their work and we have a much clearer vision

and direction.

The next meeting of the entire group will be in mid-May.

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