

## Negley Run Watershed Task Force Meeting Notes

The Office of Public Art presented information on water related arts, community public arts and the elements of a Residency program. The Residency program could accelerate the youth and community engagement work of the Watershed Arts Team.

Other Action Team reports at the Task Force meeting included:

- Watershed Arts – The group is looking to encourage more youth and intergenerational engagement around water through documenting green infrastructure efforts in the watershed. The program will launch with an arts and environment workshop to share a watershed vision and to identify tasks for various creative processes. Negley Run Watershed Task Force (Task Force) members will be encouraged to participate in the workshop. The agenda for the summit will include reports on different arts and GI program and identify collaborative opportunities for creative expression around water. Date not yet set but anticipated for June.
- Capacity and Careers -- Landforce selected its crew for 2018 and was able to officially select a candidate from the Negley Run Watershed communities. While we were hoping for more...Landforce will continue to engage that person and the crew in community project and meetings throughout 2018.
- Data and Mapping -- Selecting data parameters and identifying other sources of GI and water data for a community informed map for presentation purposes. Team will meet again on Thu. May 10.
- Metrics and Money – RAND Corporation listed co-benefits based on the feedback from our March Task Force meeting. Other than its initial list (esp. flood protection, recreation, and transportation), the co-benefits included:
  - Health (both benefits and costs)
  - Environmental education benefits, esp. for youth
  - Heat island effects
  - Groundwater recharge
  - Air Quality (very related to health)
  - Soil Stability
  - Employment
  - Urban ag benefits
  - Overall attractiveness (existence benefits, “hope”)
  - Benefits and costs to businesses
  - Equity
  - Community resilience

Some of these are much longer term processes that might be best described qualitatively, depending on data availability

RAND asked 2 questions:

- Are there particular co-benefits that are most important to the community?

- Job creation, Health issues, and safety issues were highlighted at the March Meeting.
- Is there *locally available data* that could be brought to bear on any of these issues? This could include prior (local) studies (economic or otherwise), similar projects (and evaluations) that have been implemented in the past, etc...

Please continue to provide thoughts to Devin Tierney at RAND directly or through me.

## **I. Community Teams –**

**Homewood** – The effort has been to integrate a community GI plan/strategy into the Homewood Comprehensive Plan through the Sustainability and Urban Design Action Teams. There has been discussion of a stormwater overlay district and community benefits agreement associated with proposed stormwater fees.

**Larimer** – The design team has been asked to focus on steering water toward the urban ag zone and design for its reuse in the irrigation of young fruit trees at the proposed Larimer Orchard. The design will include a focus on defining microsheds across Larimer to address the potential and challenges along Auburn, Mayflower, Carver and Meadow Streets.