

WEQUIOCK AND MAHON CREEK WATERSHED PLANNING EFFORT BEGINS



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The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (UWGB) Cofrin Center for Biodiversity and UW Sea Grant have partnered with the Town of Humboldt and Brown County to develop a community-based watershed plan for Wequiock and Mahon Creek watersheds.

The Town of Scott and City of Green Bay will also be involved in the planning process. This exciting collaboration aims to engage local citizens, municipal leaders, and students in improving water quality and wildlife areas in Wequiock and Mahon Creeks.

The goal of this project is to create a long-term plan to preserve and improve water quality for the future of the community. The watershed planning process will involve gathering input from community members on their highest priority issues that relate to conservation and water quality in the watershed.

Using this feedback, the watershed plan will provide specific actions to meet watershed goals that are community supported. The watershed plan will also meet the EPA's Nine Key Element criteria, which is a way for community members to receive grant funding to implement conservation activities recommended in the plan.

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY 'WATERSHED'?

A watershed is the area of land that drains all the rain and snowmelt to a common waterway such as a creek, river or lake.

What happens on the land can greatly impact the health of the watershed. Road salt, pesticides, fertilizers, manure, oil drips, and coal tar-based driveway sealants are pollution sources that degrade water quality for drinking, recreation and wildlife.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are all in this together! What are the most important things that you would like to see incorporated in the plan related to conservation or water quality improvements?

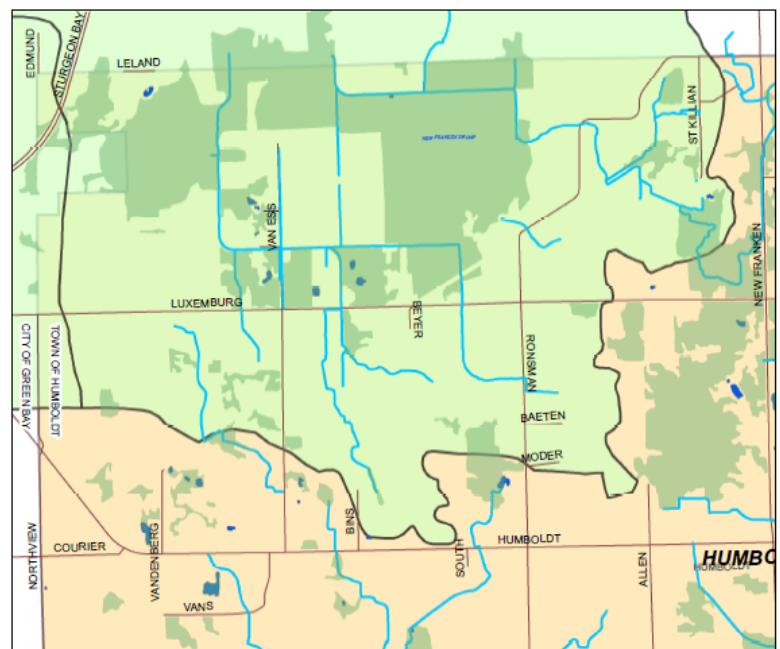
To answer this question, we will host several Town Hall meetings with community members to gather your knowledge and concerns to guide the planning process. The first Town Hall meeting will be in late summer; be on the lookout for updates!

SUMMER FIELD WORK

UWGB graduate student, Megan Hoff, is helping to develop this plan as part of her Master's degree. This summer she will be working in the watershed collecting information on streambank erosion and water quality in Wequiock and Mahon Creeks, and conducting an inventory of agricultural and other land use practices.

LEARN MORE

We are always looking for additional volunteers, and we welcome any questions, comments or ideas that you may have about this effort. If you would like to learn more or become involved, please contact Megan Hoff at 847-274-4809 or at hoffml32@uwgb.edu



The portion of the Town of Humboldt that is within the Wequiock and Mahon Creek watershed. This watershed drains into the bay of Green Bay.