

Question:

Who created the Ackerman Creek Watershed Plan?

Answer:

The Ackerman Creek Watershed Planning Committee included concerned citizens, farmers, elected officials, homeowners, and natural resource professionals. This group's goal was to develop and promote the implementation of a flexible Ackerman Creek Watershed Plan that will protect natural resources, minimize erosion, improve water quality, promote a balance between economic and environmental sustainability, and enhance the quality of life for us and future generations.

The Ackerman Creek Watershed Restoration Plan was completed in 2004.

The Ackerman Creek Watershed Planning Committee included a Technical Advisory Committee and a Planning Committee. The TAC was made up of engineering, natural resource, education, and conservation representatives. The committee members were:

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Wildlife & Ecology Subcommittee

- **Illinois Department of Natural Resources** (Thomas Lerczak)
- **Trees Forever** (Tom Miller)
- **The Illinois Chapter of The Nature Conservancy** (Dr. Maria Lemke)
- **Peoria Park District** (John Mullen)

Soil Erosion & Sediment Delivery Subcommittee

- **Mactec Engineering and Consulting** (Wayne Ingram & Chris Everts)
- **Illinois State Water Survey** (Bill White & John Beardsley)
- **USDA/NRCS** (Mark Jacob & Tim Malone)
- **Illinois State Water Survey** (Steve Wilson)

Urban Stormwater Subcommittee

- **United States Department of Agriculture/Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA/NRCS)** (Kent Sims)
- **Mactec, Inc.** (Wayne Ingram)
- **Prairie Rivers Network** (Beth Wentzel)
- **Clark Dietz, Inc.** (Gregory Kacvinsky)

Education & Outreach Subcommittee

- **Patrick Meyer & Associates** (Patrick N. Meyer)
- **East Peoria Community High School** (GeorgeAnn Siwicke & Cathleen R. Bartlow)

Planning Committee

- **Mike Jacobs**, Village of Morton Trustee
- **Wayne Ingram**, Mactec Engineering, Inc., Natural Resources and Your Development Taskforce
- **Tim Malone**, United States Department of Agriculture/ Tazewell County Natural Resources Conservation Service
- **Calvin Burroughs**, landowner/farmer
- **Don Breecher**, landowner/farmer
- **Todd Curtis**, Ossami Lake Homeowners Association, Morton
- **Victor Johnson**, President of Ossami Lake Homeowners Association, Morton
- **Rudy Habben**, Heart of Illinois Sierra Club