

Mill Creek Area Community Plan
Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2004

Present: David Gilroy, Mill Creek Forest HOA; Lynn Hicks, BGSD Asst. Supt.; Marty Crisp, BGSD Grants Director; Blair Wolfly, WSU Extension; Mary Ann Symonds, Pleasant Valley Acres; Joe Melo, Hinton Development; Mike Mabrey, Clark County Long Range Planning

Following introductions, Mary Ann provide some background on similar planning projects in other areas (Walnut Creek, CA). She cited the Cooperative Extension Service's experience in rural/suburban fringe planning processes and passed around several copies of "Models of Community Planning", a summary of case studies.

Blair noted several conditions necessary before WSU Research and Extension would consider facilitating this process, including staff support, good faith by all parties, and a high likelihood that the outcome would affect the future development of the area.

Mike noted that the recent Comprehensive Plan update did not significantly change the zoning pattern or urban growth boundary in the vicinity. He provided maps showing the current zoning, lot pattern, trails, parks and environmental constraints. It was noted that the BPA easement was not clearly identified. Discussion followed on the area to be considered in this planning process. There was no decision made, however several people expressed support for the initial effort to focus on the Mill Creek watershed south of NE 179th St. because of the level of prior public involvement and manageable size.

No grant funds to support this project have been identified yet. Maryann suggested EPA and USDA as possible funding sources. Blair suggested that legislators (e.g. Baird) could potentially include funding as a set aside.

For the time being, the facilitator role will be handled by participants on a rotating basis. Mike will facilitate the next meeting on Oct. 21 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm at the BGSD District Office.

Action items:

1. All participants will be prepared to share their vision of the future for this area. Specific goals are also welcome.
2. Maryann will coordinate getting the letters of intent from the County Commission (and others?)