

Sunday

September 23, 2012

Trails/VCTF On-Site meeting

Attendees: Jack Warren, Curt Moe, Dan Willenbring

Meeting Minutes by Dan Willenbring

Minutes sent to Curt, Jack , Dan, Chris Mowery, Carl Benson, VCTF, Lynette

Purpose: Outline proposed trail and storm water control options from behind the General Store down to the St. Croix River

Jack Warren called the meeting to discuss the above purpose since he will be out of town for the next several weeks.

The three of us walked the area behind the Scoop. Jack pointed out the erosion along the bluff just to the east of the Scoop building. He noted that the DNR raised concern over this condition during a recent inspection. We then walked down to the river along the existing trail and stormwater runoff ditch to the north of the trail.

We discussed:

Drainage way solutions for the outfall at Maple Street

- Grouted rip-rap spillway

- Some type of basin at the top of the bluff to retain/detain the storm water

- Removing all the brush and invasive trees along the ditch

Where to position the trail to the river

- On the City Right of Way

- Or working with the MHS to upgrade the existing trail

The idea of a Mississippi headwaters stepping stone type of crossing over the creek at the discharge into the St. Croix to join the trails on both sides of the creek.

Curt Moe was going to connect with Tom Elig, MHS, to discuss what MHS is planning for the historical site and mention the City's desire to improve the trail way down to the river. We discussed the potential of putting together a more comprehensive plan with partners such as MN/DOT, Watershed District, MHS and the National Park Service to address the stormwater and trail issues. This type of project could be the right mix of scope and impacted partners to be considered for and Partner Grant under the Legacy funding for 2014.

We discussed meeting again with MHS after we get Comp Plan approval, connect with the new City Engineer and have an initial meeting with MN/DOT.