



Website Email Comments (as of May 1, 2010):

**Watershed Restoration Topics**

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Seneca	2.28.10	<u>Feb 27 meeting - Great Seneca Watershed</u>	<p>Thank you for organizing this wonderful opportunity to see and share what is happening to the creeks in our watershed.</p> <p>As promised, below are links to the Seneca Creek Watershed Partners website. I highly recommend the "Links to Resources" and "How to Section." The "neighborhood, Parks and Schools" page may be useful to you. I haven't updated the calendar for about a year, but I have verified many of the links.</p> <p>Seneca Creek Watershed Partners</p> <p>Calendar &lt;<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/senecacreekwatershedpartners/home/calendar">https://sites.google.com/site/senecacreekwatershedpartners/home/calendar</a>&gt;  Links To Resources &lt;<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/senecacreekwatershedpartners/home/links">https://sites.google.com/site/senecacreekwatershedpartners/home/links</a>&gt;  How To Section  &lt;<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/senecacreekwatershedpartners/home/howtosection">https://sites.google.com/site/senecacreekwatershedpartners/home/howtosection</a>&gt;  Simple Things to Do  &lt;<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/senecacreekwatershedpartners/home/howtosection/simple">https://sites.google.com/site/senecacreekwatershedpartners/home/howtosection/simple</a>&gt;  Identify Your Weeds  &lt;<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/senecacreekwatershedpartners/home/howtosection/idweeds-1">https://sites.google.com/site/senecacreekwatershedpartners/home/howtosection/idweeds-1</a>&gt;  Creeks and Lakes &lt;<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/senecacreekwatershedpartners/home/about-the-seneca-creek-watershed/creeks">https://sites.google.com/site/senecacreekwatershedpartners/home/about-the-seneca-creek-watershed/creeks</a>&gt;  Where are the headwaters?  &lt;<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/senecacreekwatershedpartners/home/about-the-seneca-creek-watershed/headwaters">https://sites.google.com/site/senecacreekwatershedpartners/home/about-the-seneca-creek-watershed/headwaters</a>&gt;  Neighborhoods, Parks and Schools  &lt;<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/senecacreekwatershedpartners/home/about-the-seneca-creek-watershed/neighbors">https://sites.google.com/site/senecacreekwatershedpartners/home/about-the-seneca-creek-watershed/neighbors</a>&gt;  Where We Work, Live and Play  &lt;<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/senecacreekwatershedpartners/home/about-the-seneca-creek-watershed/zipcodesmunicipalities">https://sites.google.com/site/senecacreekwatershedpartners/home/about-the-seneca-creek-watershed/zipcodesmunicipalities</a>&gt;  Sitemap</p>



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All	3.3.10	<u>Subject: Go DOOR to DOOR</u>	<p>Organize teams of volunteers (boy scouts, girl scouts, civic organizations) to go door to door, countywide. One on one, eye to eye talk, followed up with convenient and cost efficient rainscape implementation opportunities. IE: Teams of high school kids could do this kind of work on their summer breaks.</p> <p>Organize neighborhood walks to local streams, to enjoy and observe the problems.</p> <p>When the use of gravity or space is not an option, retrofit culverts with water powered turbine generators to run a pump which would pipe storm water away to appropriate areas.</p>
All	3.16.10	<u>Subject: input</u>	<p>You should contact commercial landscape companies and educate them about rainscape methods. Let them know that there will be applicable business in coming years.</p>
Cabin John,	4.12.10	<u>Subject: Cabin John Watershed</u>	<p>Hello--</p>



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Lower Booze Creek		<u>Restoration Plan</u>	<p>My comments pertain to the Lower Booze Creek section (LBC) of the Cabin John Watershed. In my opinion, the profile provided on the DEP website does not provide enough information to understand the details of the "potential restoration opportunities" referred to in the February 2010 draft Cabin John Creek Profile. As a result, I'm sharing some comments. Most importantly, I'd like to engage in direct discussions with the DEP on this project.</p> <p>I am a property owner with a backyard that abuts the LBC. I have also been asked to be the representative of the local civic association, Bannockburn Civic Association. The purpose of my comments is to describe the serious damage to the LBC that has occurred since I purchased my property in 1999, and to ensure that DEP is fully informed of the very poor state of the LBC that begins at MacArthur Blvd., and runs north along the LBC. The flow of water through the LBC during rainstorms, snow thaws, etc., is tremendous--enough to wash railroad ties, poured concrete, tree trunks, and other heavy detritus far downstream. There is a bend in the LBC at my property, which causes this material to accumulate, and the erosion resulting from the impact of the water is destroying the back of my property. Property owners upstream and downstream suffer similar damage, and the county must take action quickly to avert even more serious damage.</p> <p>There are exposed sewer pipes easily visible along the quarter mile stretch of the LBC I recently walked. These are a health hazard inasmuch as they are vulnerable to damage from the impact of large, heavy objects (railroad ties, boulders, chunks of poured concrete) that flow downstream during rainstorms. Should one of these pipes break and leak, the children that play in the creek would be placed at serious risk. Untreated sewage would flow into the creek and create a severe health hazard. This risk is very real, and the health hazard is virtually certain unless the county takes timely action to address this problem. Adjacent homeowners have been in contact with the county for over 10 years in an effort to get the county to act. Moreover, stagnant water accumulates and pools at a point in the LBC near my backyard, and creates a mosquito breeding ground. This pooling is not the result of the natural flow of the creek bed. It is the result of a man-made concrete structure that forms a dam and creates the pool.</p> <p>We in the community are anxious to increase the dialogue with the county officials responsible for addressing the deterioration of the LBC. Please contact me and provide me with the name and contact information for the DEP personnel that can assist us in resolving this problem. After</p>



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			<p>attending the March 6 State of Our Streams public session, I am encouraged that this matter will receive the attention it deserves. DEP officials invited public input on the proposed restoration plans, and this is our effort to revive that discussion.</p> <p><u>NOTE: DEP is determining if the issues raised in this -email were considered during the Cabin John Watershed study. If not, DEP will follow up with additional assessment and consideration for the Cabin John restoration plan.</u></p>