

Area Conservation Districts needs concerned citizens at August 28 meeting

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A meeting of concerned citizens who reside in the Fourteen Mile Creek/Goose Creek watersheds has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, at the Pleasant View Baptist Church on Highway 62 in Hibernia.

The meeting is being organized by Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Scott, Clark and Jefferson counties. They need residents to attend the public meeting to help the SWCDs protect and improve the water quality in these watersheds.

A watershed is an area of land that drains into a river or lake. As rainwater and melting snow run downhill, they carry sediment and other materials into streams, lakes, wetlands and ground water.

In the past, most water quality problems could be traced to their sources, such as industrial discharge pipes. Progress has been made in regulating and controlling this type of pollution; however, water quality problems resulting from "non-point" sources are more difficult to isolate and control. Non-point source pollutants are in water that runs off crop or forest land, parking lots, construction sites, irrigation systems and drainage systems. Failing septic systems also contribute.

The plan developed for the Fourteen Mile Creek/Goose Creek watersheds will focus on combating non-point pollution sources.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the August 28 meeting and provide feedback about water quality issues of which they are aware in these watersheds so that a good watershed management plan can be created.

To learn more about these watersheds and watersheds in general, visit the Environmental Protection Agency's "Surf Your Watershed" page at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/surf/locate/index.cfm>.

For more information on the meeting or the planning process, contact the Clark County SWCD at 1-812-256-2330, ext. 3.