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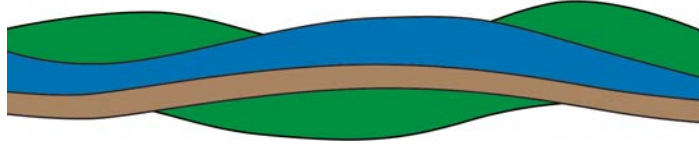
Special points of
interest:

- The Token Creek Watershed Association held our annual meeting and spring forum the evening of March 24th
- Mike Mihalas from Waunakee was voted onto the TCWA board
- Windsor donates \$2500 to the Town of for the purchase of the Yngzdahl property.
- Dane County has updated plans for Token Creek Park
- Scot Stewart from the DNR updated TCWA on the Token Creek Stream Restoration.



The Wednesday Watershed Walk Series was held at the Culver Conservancy on April 23rd, 2008

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TCWA Annual Meeting held on March 24th

The Token Creek Watershed Association held our annual meeting and spring forum the evening of March 24th at the Windsor Town Hall. This annual meeting gives us a chance to look back on the accomplishments of the past year and talk about the opportunities of the year to come. John Hutchinson, the board chair, started the meeting by welcoming folks and letting them know that all members are welcome to our regular board meeting that are held the fourth Monday of each month.

TCWA Board of Directors News

News for the year included the two board members stepping down. Scott Woody and Barb Hennings both left the board this year after years of service to the Watershed Association. But, during the elections held later in the program, Mike Mihalas from Waunakee was voted

onto the board. Don Tierney, Bruce Stravinsky, and Mike Kolb were also voted to 2 year seats on the Board.

Treasurer's Report for the past year

Bruce Stravinsky shared the treasurer's report for the past year and announced the budget for the coming year. Things are going very well, and the board would like to continue to provide funds for more land protection activities in the future. We have established a stewardship fund for 2008 and hope to continue to have these funds available for the future.

Chris James, Planner for Dane County discussed updated plan

for Token Creek Park
The guest speakers for the night included Chris James, Planner for Dane County. The county

has appropriated funds for an update of the plan for Token Creek County Park. Chris explained the main concerns the county has for the park. They would like to move the entrance to enhance security at the park and enhance traffic flow. Chris also expressed interest in including the lands categorized as "natural area" in the current county land use plan in the planning process. This would include the areas surrounding Token Creek (the waterbody itself) from the current park boundary all the way up to the stream. If these areas were included in the plan, it would help the Town of Windsor and the TCWA outline goals for the future of the Creek and the Conservancy for years to come.

DNR Regional Fisheries Manager Scot Stewart provides an update on Token Creek Stream Restoration

Scot Stewart is the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Regional Fisheries Manager who is leading the restoration of Token Creek at the dam removal site. Scot gave an update of the work done to date at the site and work to be done

in the coming year. This is the second winter since the dam has been removed. The process for the last two years has been to help the stream find its way down to its bed by dredging a channel in the old sediment deposits of the pond. The past winter's mix of early snow and late frost made the process very difficult this year. Progress was made, but a good deal of time was spent trying to extract machines from the unstable sediments. In the downstream area

from the restoration, Scot continues to monitor sediment traps that catch all that extra sediment that is being washed downstream from the restoration site. This coming year will include continuing to stabilize the banks in the restoration area, and monitoring and keeping the silt traps functioning. Scot also hopes to be able to remove a lot of the down trees in the stream to further facilitate the movement of the sediments.

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