



Northern Kentucky Urban & Community Forestry Council

Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2006
12:00 pm - 1:10 pm

Boone County Extension Office

Meeting Called to order by Kris. Minutes reviewed and approved by Sherry, 2nd by Rick Horn. Financial Report was submitted for review, report approved by Rick Horn and 2nd by Sherry

PRESENTATION:

Forest Quality Assessment Report for the Planned Highway 536 corridor in Campbell County - by the NKU Center for Applied Ecology

The presentation was made by Devon and Jessica and they provided general descriptions and uses of Forest Quality Assessments (FQA). The Highway 536 Corridor FQA study was performed by the Center for Applied Ecology and was completed in February, 2006. The project methodology and results were presented in detail. The findings were that within the 2,856 acres study area there are 17 acres (0.6%) of large crown forest; 217 acres (7.6%) of medium crown forests; 935 acres (32.7%) small crown forest; and 1,687 acres (59%) of non-forested acres. The information and mapping from this project were shared with Campbell County Planning Commission and the Council for use in planning this transportation corridor with consideration of existing forest tracts.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Survey & Visioning with ICL (Don Smyers)**

A copy of the agreement was distributed. Don provided additional information on the contract services. Contract was signed and submitted; no updated information has been received. Preliminary timeframe is to be complete by Fall, 2006.

- **Kenton Phase II Update (Jenny Gulick)**

Mapping is complete; newest maps produced showed the “development potential” of Kenton County. Development potential is defined as the combination of slope and kope geology. Critical areas were overlain on these maps as well as watershed and municipal boundaries.

- **Grant Writing Update (Jenny)**

1. Campbell County FQA - Toyota grant application was deferred until May, 2006. An acknowledgement letter was sent to Toyota.
2. 2006/2007 KDOF Urban Forestry Grant – Application was reviewed by KDOF and comments

incorporated. Additional support documents are required this year but have not yet been made available. There is still the possibility of additional funds being made available to the Council from the 2005/2006 statewide grant allocation.

3. Community Outreach Director and Program – Letter of intent/interest sent to Surdna Foundation. No feedback at this time.

- **KAA Update (Dino Kent)**

No report provided.

- **Education Series (Sherry)**

Two programs are in consideration at this time. 1. Natural Areas Management/Exotic Species Control. Ft. Thomas in cooperation with NKU-CAE, Boone County Arboretum, and organizations from Kenton will host a 3-county educational program. It may include a formal presentation with field demonstrations. 2. Urban Forestry Issue “Debate” - Like the Segoe Debates at UC, sponsor a public meeting/debate at NKU; and invite a varied panel of community stakeholders to participate.

- **In Kind Hours Reminder**

NEW BUSINESS

- **Other Business**

- Ockerman Elementary School – thank you letter received from school and students for grant allocation.
- Boone County Arboretum has drafted a brochure as part as a TIOC grant award. The brochure it targeted for the schools and community in general, and promotes the arboretum, and addresses general tree planting and care information. Kris passed the draft around for review and comment.
- NKU invoice for administrative work presented. Sherry moved for approval, seconded by Gary Johnson, motion carried.
- DJ presented an update on the *Certified Arborist* scholarship program.
- Information on leadership conference for non-profits circulated.