



Cedar Creek Canoe Trail

“Combining Recreation and Conservation to Benefit the Community”

August 3, 2018

Mrs. Amy Schweitzer
City Planner, City of Auburn
P. O. Box 506
Auburn, IN 46706

Dear Mrs. Schweitzer,

I am writing in regard to the Cedar Creek Canoe Trail project. When I last provided an update, the County Commissioners were submitting an application to IDNR- Lake and River Enhancement Program for an Engineering Feasibility Study on Cedar Creek between Morning Star Road and Eckhart Park. As you recall, this study would not only help with the specific location and design of any streambank stabilization work but would also have a strong focus on improving aquatic and wildlife habitat on this section of Cedar Creek .

I would like to report that in July of 2017 the grant was funded. In October the commissioners selected Flatland Resources, LLC from Muncie, Indiana as the consultant to complete the feasibility study. The grant officially started in January 2018 and after a bit of a delay due to spring weather, work is now underway. As part of the initial work for the project I would like to invite you or a representative to attend a meeting of the major stakeholders for this section of the creek. The meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Rieke Park Lodge, 1600 North Indiana Avenue, Auburn.** Specific items for the meeting:

- Meet the folks from Flatland Resources, LLC and learn about their history and approach for projects like this
- Learn a bit about rivers and channels and hear some specifics regarding Cedar Creek
- Hear some of the initial field analysis for this section of Cedar Creek; learn the locations of specific areas of concern and recommendations for addressing them
- Discussion and Q & A about the project, locations, and potential practices

I do hope you can attend and participate in this important piece of the project. An R.S.V.P. is not required but certainly appreciated. Contact Allen Haynes at the DeKalb SWCD if you have questions, I can be reached at 260- 925-5620 X3.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to seeing you on August 23!

Sincerely,

Allen W. Haynes
DeKalb Soil and Water Conservation District