

Green Seams for Green Dreams

Upper Des Plaines River Ecosystem Partnership's Annual Meeting Event

Thurs., Dec. 2, 2010

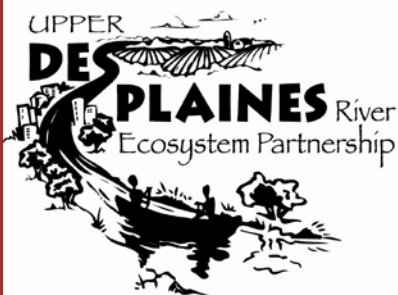
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Lake County Central Permit Facility, 500 W. Winchester Rd., 2nd Floor Conference Room, Libertyville
- \$5/person (free for members)
- RSVP by Nov. 29th to coordinator@upperdesplainesriver.org or call (847)975-8391.



Peg Kohring, Midwest
Director, Conservation Fund



Bill Davis, Land Preservation
Manager, Lake County Forest
Preserve District



Our meeting event theme is *Green Seams for Green Dreams* as we kick-off a year of “Green Infrastructure” work by UDPREP.

The buzzword in communities in the coming years will be “Green Infrastructure,” which is quickly becoming the standard for clean water and carbon footprint reduction. Green infrastructure will be a big part of healthy communities and eco-tourism in the future.

Our featured speakers will be the dynamic Peg Kohring, Midwest Director of the Conservation Fund, and Bill Davis, Land Preservation Manager of Lake County Forest Preserves.

As our keynote, Peg will tell us about the Conservation Fund’s seven years of work with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District’s *Greenseams* program - a program that has protected more than 2,000 acres of key lands containing water-absorbent (hydric) soils. As a long-term approach to flood management, Greenseams is an innovative green infrastructure program that uses land conservation as a tool to safeguard the community and its water supply. Peg will share simple and more complex methods used to purchase land, prevent and reduce flooding, and implement infrastructure investments to keep water draining into the ground naturally in urban regions.

Green is also a highly preferred color in the Des Plaines River Watershed. There are 20,263 acres of forest preserves in the watershed, including a green belt along the river. Lake County Forest Preserves is wrapping up a banner year for land acquisition, and Bill Davis will share information on the Forest Preserve’s program goals and the new land purchases in the Des Plaines.

Prior to Peg’s presentation, UDPREP will hold a brief annual business meeting where UDPREP members will vote for officers to guide the organization in 2011. The annual meeting is a great place to learn about our organization and what we are doing to protect and improve the watershed.

We hope you will join us for this informative event!!

Many thanks to Grand Victoria Foundation for their financial support of UDPREP’s Green Infrastructure for Green Communities Initiative in 2011.