

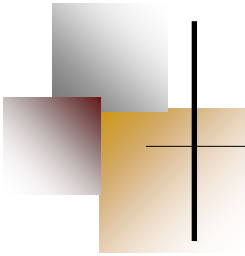
Benton County Master Plan Kick-off Meeting Notes

Foley, MN,

March 5, 2002

Participants

Greg Sczech	Horse Stable, West County MN Horse Council Street
Nancy Hoffman	St. Cloud Native—Economic Development Authority
Jerry Perske	Resident
Linda Peck	Central, MN—Audubon Society
John Peck	Stearns County Park Commissioner, former biology professor
Nancy Gunderson	Stearns County Resident, National Parks & Trails Coalition
Jane Korte	Sherburne Parks & Trails, Wild & Scenic Mississippi
Duane Cekalla	County Commissioner, Economic Development / Parks
Dick Soyka	County Commissioner
Duane Grandy	County Commissioner—60+ years, seven years on board
Butch Bukowski	County Commissioner, loves outdoors
Mark Hauck	Benton County Watershed Coordinator SWCD; lived in Benton County for 32 years; good resource for natural resources
Dona Peterson	Benton County budgets
Norm Esterberg	Sauk Rapids Bio/Env studies; Sauk Rapids Park Board; member Benton County Park Board
Dave Wilson	Resident on Ronneky Road NE
Jim Hovda	Specific goals for parks
Chelle Benson	Director of Development for Benton County; new to job
Jean Myers	From up north; involved in County comp plan update
Jane DeAustin	Benton County Development Committee—lives in nice wooded area
Mitch Fidler	City of Rice; mayor; doing comp plan; looking at area in township for parks; Rice Sportsmen Club; member of Economic Development Committee
Don Zieglmeier	Lives on No Name Lake; Little Rock Lake Association president
Ron Schlichting	
Lloyd Erdmann	
Steve Peka	Economic Development Committee Watab Township; Benton County supervisor
Joan Spiczka	East side of Benton County; park development
Lonny Wild	
Ben Thomas	70 years -
Orville Mielke	Dairy farmer; wants open space defined
Jerry Kroska	Foley resident
Ross Olson	Sauk Rapids Planner—City Administrator
Duane Walters	County Commissioner; input on how much open space
Dan Martin	U of MN Extension; talk to about going out in field



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Carrie Tripp, Benton County Parks Director, introduced the Open Space and Park Planning project and gave an overview of the goals and objectives from the County's perspective. All participants introduced themselves by giving their name, the interest they represent and a short explanation of what they want to accomplish in this planning process (see below for details).

Steve Hansen of the Bonestroo Team gave an overview of goals and policies of the Open Space and Park Planning project based on the already-completed Benton County Comprehensive Plan. Steve reiterated the importance of listening to the Advisory Committees' and Community's input in developing the plan. A thorough analysis of the area's opportunities, the land use and other physical facility issues and socio-cultural areas will be completed. The analysis will integrate both existing and proposed parks, open space, and natural areas into a comprehensive plan that captures the ideas of the community. The Bonestroo Team will use this information to generate several facility, growth and financial scenarios and concept plan alternatives for the County Board and others to review. The end point of the process will be the successful implementation of a Master Plan.

Participants broke into small groups and told their stories. The following pages reflect the outcome of these stories.