

Open house set on protections for Mill Creek watershed

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Resident participation sought in planning process

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GENEVA – The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning is hosting a public open house from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 27, at the Peck Farm Park Orientation Barn, 4038 Kaneville Road, Geneva, about a plan for protecting the Mill Creek watershed.

CMAP is collaborating with the Kane County Division of Environmental and Water Resources, the Fox River Ecosystem Partnership, the Fox River study group and local municipalities and districts to create a water-quality-based protection plan for Mill Creek, said Holly Hudson of CMAP.

The purpose of the plan is to work with local stakeholders and residents to protect the creek and enhance the quality of life throughout the watershed area. The 31-square-mile creek watershed is the land area that drains into the creek, which includes Campton Hills, St. Charles, Batavia and Geneva, Hudson said.

The creek itself is 15 miles long, extending from Campton Hills, meandering south to Geneva and Batavia where it flows into the Fox River, Hudson said.

"The Mill Creek watershed is part of the Fox River watershed, which in turn is part of the Illinois River watershed, which is part of the Mississippi River watershed," Hudson said.

The open house provides an opportunity to learn about the watershed planning process and to share feedback. Residents can drop in any time.

Issues to be discussed include how to enhance Mill Creek and its watershed and what has been done in the community or neighborhood to protect and restore habitat and water quality.

To learn more about the planning process, visit CMAP's website, www.cmap.illinois.gov for further details.

For more information about the open house, call Hudson at 312-386-8700 or Rob Linke at 630-232-3498.