

CEDAR RIVER WATERSHED COALITION

WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE FLOOD RISK AND IMPROVE WATER QUALITY FOR A HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE CEDAR RIVER WATERSHED.

~State of the Cedar River Watershed: 10 Years After the Flood~

Fall 2018 Meeting

Thursday, September 6th, 2018 • 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
Hartman Reserve Nature Center (657 Reserve Drive, Cedar Falls)

Meeting Agenda

- 9:30 am** **From 2008 to 2018: Reflections on Reducing Flood Risk in the Cedar River Watershed**
Larry Weber, Executive Associate Dean, University of Iowa
- 10:00 am** **Tracking Our Progress in Engagement & Implementation**
Mary Beth Stevenson, Iowa-Cedar River Basin Coordinator, Iowa DNR
- 10:20 am** **Break**
- 10:30 am** **Concurrent Sessions** (*Descriptions on next page*)
- Water Quality: Tracking Trends (Moderator – Shane Wulf)
 - Grassroots: Engaging Citizens and Landowners (Moderator – Josh Balk)
 - Flood Mitigation: Improving Watershed Resiliency (Moderator – Rob Hogg)
 - Aligning Watershed Management Authority Goals & Objectives (Work Session)
- 11:20 am** **Break**
- 11:30 am** **Open House – Cedar River Watershed Partners**
Partners will each have 2-3 minutes to introduce themselves and share their organization's most important contribution to Cedar River watershed improvement, and identify key goals for the next 10 years
- 12:00 pm** **Lunch** (Open House to remain open throughout lunch)
- 1:00 pm** **Group Discussion**
Reports from the break-out sessions, and a discussion of key themes, resource gaps, and research / information needs in Cedar River Watershed Management
- 1:30 pm** **Dry Run Creek – Beneficial Management Practices Tour**
- 3:00 pm** **Return to Hartman & Adjourn**



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Water Quality: Tracking Trends (Moderator – Shane Wulf)

This session will explore water quality data and recent analyses to help us understand current conditions and overall trends in the Cedar River Watershed.

- Karl Gesch, Iowa Soybean Association
- Steve Kalkhoff, United States Geologic Survey
- Keith Schilling, University of Iowa

Grassroots: Engaging Citizens and Landowners (Moderator – Josh Balk)

Panelists in this session will highlight community-based watershed improvement efforts.

- Clark Porter, Black Hawk Creek Soil & Water Coalition
- Cedar Valley Water Watchers (Green Iowa AmeriCorps)
- Cara Matteson, City of Cedar Rapids

Flood Mitigation: Improving Watershed Resiliency (Moderator – Rob Hogg)

Significant progress has been made in flood mitigation efforts since 2008. What further is action is needed to help all watershed citizens to be more resilient in the future?

- Sandy Pumphrey, City of Cedar Rapids
- Antonio Arenas, University of Iowa
- Craig Just, University of Iowa

Watershed Management Authorities: Aligning Watershed Goals & Objectives

Four WMAs have formed in the Iowa portion of the Cedar Basin in recent years. This work session will be an open discussion to explore whether individual WMA goals and objectives could be aligned to identify basin-scale priorities and resource gaps.