

Danny Johnson

1. How can we generate neighborhood involvement?
 - I think a good place to start would be to visit with neighborhood associations, this could be a place we can find an already involved group of people who can provide more information about the problems discovered in an area. There are also other neighborhood groups such as neighborhood watches etc. that may be organized and meeting. These group members would be the most engaged group of people and would have a good idea of others who would be willing to get involved.
2. What are potential remedies for identified water quality impairments?
 - Neighborhood cleanup projects can help get things cleaned up quickly. To help maintain it we could look at some grants to get cameras that could monitor known hot spots for illegal dumping and things like that.
3. Should we treat residential and commercial concerns together or separately?
 - Although pollution is pollution the sources can be very different. I think there is a different level of accountability for businesses than there may be for residential. That said we are all one community and we should find ways to bridge businesses and citizens in our communities however we have to see the problem for what it is, meaning if it is the residents of an area presenting the issue we should be engaging them first and the same with a business.
4. How can we generate involvement from commercial interests?
 - Maybe a good place to begin is with educating their workforces of the issues we are trying to work on. If the employees are engaged in seeking solutions the business should follow.

Dylan Storey

1. How can we generate neighborhood involvement?
 - Make the program "cool" or "in your face"
2. What are potential remedies for identified water quality impairments?
 - Cleaner community practices
3. Should we treat residential and commercial concerns together or separately?
 - As needed
4. How can we generate involvement from commercial interests?
 - Make it lucrative or good publicity

Rachel Schober

1. How can we generate neighborhood involvement?
 - Create a survey about water quality issues and go door to door asking residents to fill out.
 - Recruit "block captains" like a neighborhood watch would have to circulate information, watch for problems, etc. in as many neighborhoods as possible.
 - Have a few town hall meetings - or go to neighborhood association meetings - and let people know what we are doing and how they can help.
2. What are potential remedies for identified water quality impairments?
 - Education - in schools, neighborhoods, community events, etc.
 - I don't know specifics about improving water quality - just want to help lessen our impact
3. Should we treat residential and commercial concerns together or separately?
 - I think it depends on what we decide our solutions will be - is it something that can be implemented to both, or will we have to communicate in different ways to each group?
4. How can we generate involvement from commercial interests?
 - Similar to neighborhood involvement, but need to have a person representing each industry to buy into what we are doing - sounds tough!

Also, they asked for us to see what problems we saw in our individual neighborhoods - mine are the same as most others, but one interesting thing I have discovered is that some of the residents in my neighborhood enjoy a pig roast on the weekends. The problem is, they are butchering the pigs in the driveway and then hosing everything into the street. My neighbor who told me this said he has called about it, but whoever polices that kind of activity is not in on the weekends, so nothing has ever been done.

Kay Drennen

1. How can we generate neighborhood involvement?
 - Neighborhoods are supremely self-interested, so these folks can always be brought out by addressing the water quality problem that is in their neighborhood, a.k.a. "my backyard." Then, during the work process for the neighborhood problem, the people need to be educated about the "Big Picture" of water quality so they can begin to understand that the problem isn't just in their backyard.
2. What are potential remedies for identified water quality impairments?
 - These are as diverse as the causes that create the impairment; however impairments can be traced back to human ways of thinking, actions and habits. Therefore we humans have to be encouraged and taught to change our actions/habits/ thought patterns. For example: Teach "healthy" landscape practices. Get people to buy back into the idea that the storm gutter/ditch in front of their home is something they should care for by removing

trash and leaves. Explain how giving up the automobile habit on occasion can benefit water quality...& etc.

3. Should we treat residential and commercial concerns together or separately?
 - Residential and commercial concerns need to be addressed separately due to the fact that commercial entities have certain obligations under the NPDES permits obtained by the City of Wichita.
4. How can we generate involvement from commercial interests?
 - Commercial interests can be accessed through their professional and accrediting organizations. An offer of lunch & CEUs (carrots) will be an enticement for a fair number of these folks. Then there is always the “compliance” stick.

Darren Brown

1. How can we generate neighborhood involvement?
 - Need to make the issues relate on a personal level. People care about what impacts them directly. Most people will agree that something will need to be done, but you’re not going to get active involvement unless you can bring the issue down to their level.
2. What are potential remedies for identified water quality impairments?
 - Most everyone will agree it’s a bad idea to pollute waters. However, if it’s inconvenient to implement the solution, it most likely won’t be implemented. With the wind in Kansas, I wouldn’t be surprised if a lot of the trash winding up in the bodies of water were derived from trash blowing out of trash cans. Maybe also during trash pickup. One way that could help is to encourage residents to bag their trash before putting it in their trash containers. Look at encouraging residents to use phosphorous free detergents and lawn fertilizers. Encourage residents to not let their grass clippings collect on sidewalks and gutters after mowing (sweep or blow the clippings back into the yard). Encourage commercial businesses not to wash down their sidewalks into the gutters – encourage sweeping and bagging instead. There are a ton of ideas and BMPs out there in the e-world. Research.
3. Should we treat residential and commercial concerns together or separately?
 - The drivers that will move them to active participation are likely to be different. If you lump them together you’ll most likely dilute the possibility of obtaining maximum participation.
4. How can we generate involvement from commercial interests?
 - Work on the civic participation angle. Make sure commercial participants are recognized for their contributions. Some businesses can provide manpower, some can provide technical resources, some can provide material goods (like bags for cleanup), some can provide advertising, etc. Play to the strengths of the various commercial organizations. Look for sponsors. In these tight economic times – cash contributions will be limited. Think along the lines of bartering. Maybe the businesses can provide assistance for residential efforts.

David Robbins

1. How can we generate neighborhood involvement?
 - The use of a door flyers or direct mailing that request a response by mail, phone, or E-mail.
2. What are potential remedies for identified water quality impairments?
 - Dredging the river, river bank improvements, additional walking paths, trash receptacles and benches spaced along the walk paths, access to the river by boaters, water taxis.
3. Should we treat residential and commercial concerns together or separately?
 - Commercial and residences will benefit equally by improvement. This should bring commercial development along the river.
4. How can we generate involvement from commercial interests?
 - They are interested and when we have a solution, they will become very interested.

Sharon Fearey

1. How can we generate neighborhood involvement?
 - The educational program needs to be sustainable and ongoing. Neighborhoods are very busy dealing with many issues and concerns. Although we all value the river, it can often take a back burner to problems such as dilapidated housing and road construction issues. There are lots of resources available that would be helpful to neighborhoods, but we need a group of dedicated people who will work to keep these resources and the river issues in front of neighborhood groups. One way to do this would be to issue a "River News" press release monthly to Wichita Independent Neighborhoods and to all of the neighborhood associations that publish newsletters. Many of them would include this information in their newsletters. A speaker's bureau should also be available for presentations at neighborhood meetings. A group of people could attend National Night Out events to hand out information and talk to small groups about the river.
2. What are potential remedies for identified water quality impairments?
 - We need to step back and see what all is already out there. Many ideas have been proposed and examined. We need to review these and see what ones we need to keep and then how we go about implementing them. One is the idea of not mowing to the river's edge. Another is marking all of the city's storm drains. We also need to work with other existing groups -- the Ark River Citizens and Technical Committee and the Environmental Leadership Committee -- so that we are all working in unison.
3. Should we treat residential and commercial concerns together or separately?
 - The answer to this question may present itself as we continue looking at the answer to question 2. There will be some things that overlap and others that must be dealt with on either a residential or commercial basis. We should look for ways to have people work together for the good of the river, but there will be times when more technical issues addressing commercial concerns must be related to individual and groups of businesses.

4. How can we generate involvement from commercial interests?

- Once issues are identified, then we can move toward generating interest. There are some new groups of businesses who have joined together to tackle environmental issues. We should visit with them as soon as possible to gauge their interest in adding the river and water quality to their list of issues and concerns.

Hoyt Hillman

1. How can we generate neighborhood involvement?

- People are interested in their problems and understand flooding, loss of property, more taxes to fix problems, etc.
- By listening, asking questions and providing answers to their local neighborhood watershed concerns.
- Explain the fix is also a chance to beautify and clean up the water.

2. What are potential remedies for identified water quality impairments?

- Teach City Manager's office, City mowing staff (Parks Dept, Storm Water Dept, Contracts Award Dept, Central Services and Maintenance staff) that there is no reason to mow to the edge of the river, tributary, creek or pond in the City. Smarter use of tax funds would be to leave an initial 5-10+ foot of natural growth, leaving a natural filter buffer of vegetation to catch pollutants and keep trash out of the water flow. Buffers would redirect geese out of high use park areas. Provide watershed management signs to designate non-mowed areas with funds from\$\$\$\$\$ savings/year. Where specific water access is needed a little concrete is a one-time fix.
- Established buffers would reduce 70% of sediment from tributaries and 70% of bacterial contamination.
 - Meet with WRAPS staff at the KSU Extension office and set up a 3-4 session training program for Neighborhood Watershed Experts (or whatever title they would appreciate)...on Monitoring, Reporting, and interactions with neighbors, herbicide use on tree starts, etc...
 - Recruit 2 people from each Neighborhood Association to attend training. Then...Go back and help explain process to NA.
 - Set up Spring Program for volunteers to label storm drains with Neighborhood watershed logos (teaching opportunity).
 - Provide Watershed Management signs for neighborhoods along creeks, drains etc. (much like Watch Programs).
 - Join local river demonstration projects to find out best local plants and flowers for their neighborhood.
 - Neighborhood volunteers work with City to plant best local combination along their watershed, and add flowers (make it theirs).

3. Should we treat residential and commercial concerns together or separately?

- City staff tries to manage commercial, so keep it that way.
- Neighborhood watershed locals should be aware and watch and report all flow or blockage concerns in their area.

4. How can we generate involvement from commercial interests?

- Commercial businesses are well aware of their visibility and want a positive community image.
- Neighborhood Associations are community information networks that can help document actions (+ and -).
- Businesses that support and help maintain projects can receive recognition from City, District, and local associations.

Bryan Griffin

1. How can we generate neighborhood involvement?

- The # 1 way to generate neighborhood involvement is for the local city government to start setting an example. It will always be impossible to convince citizens to bag their grass when the city mows parks and the grass is left lying there. It will be impossible to convince citizens to keep grass taller when the city government is scalping theirs.

2. What are potential remedies for identified water quality impairments?

- Residential and commercial concerns probably should be handled separately. I believe there is a lot of potential animosity between residential and commercial concerns in a neighborhood. The commercial section feels like they are the scapegoat of the neighborhood receiving the blame for every environmental issue. And the residences often feel like they are a drop in the bucket compared to the commercial business when it comes to an environmental effect.

3. Should we treat residential and commercial concerns together or separately?

- Commercial interest involvement in the environment is related in the same way. It is difficult to convince commercial involvement when the local government is uninvolved and appears complacent. Environmental change in this city has been wanted for 30 years or more. It will not happen to any notable degree until the government of this city learns to lead by example.

4. How can we generate involvement from commercial interests?

- We can talk to the people and the businesses of this city until we are blue in the face, but nothing will change until the leaders act on what they speak.

Tonya Bronleewe

1. How can we generate neighborhood involvement?

- Get the kids involved and they will, in turn, get parents involved - via schools, community events, etc.
- Go to the neighborhoods
- Show a financial or quality of life benefit of involvement

2. What are potential remedies for identified water quality impairments?

- Public education
- Big business buy-in; i.e. City, County, large and small business set an example for everyday citizens

- Financial or quality of life incentives
3. Should we treat residential and commercial concerns together or separately?
- Together – if we treat them with equal importance there will be less finger pointing (aka: “they’re the real problem, they could clean up their act first”, etc.). A collaborative effort where residential and commercial interests encourage and work together for solutions is a more helpful, holistic and healthy attitude for action.
4. How can we generate involvement from commercial interests?
- Encourage collaboration with residents
 - Show the financial benefits of involvement
 - Friendly contests or competitions between other businesses