

Steering Committee Meeting 1/25/22- Notes

Committee members in attendance:

1. Chris Randazzo
2. Kasey Faust
3. Jessica Wilson
4. Kelly Strickler
5. Linda McCoy
6. Holland Jones
7. D'Anne Williams
8. Nina Rinaldi (subbing for Ivey)

Other stakeholders in attendance:

1. Sierra DaSilva
2. Maria Darr
3. Khalid Osman
4. Heather Robinson

General updates: Maria back from maternity leave, Ivey on maternity leave

Funding updates: TCEQ contract has executed!

SIPES Survey Data summary -- baseline data to measure against in future years when evaluating effectiveness of engagement/outreach programming

- Top 3 ways to engage with Shoal Creek: scenic beauty & aesthetics, hiking, fishing & swimming
- Most people not aware of and not participating in CoA programs
- Biggest barriers to participation: ease of participation, physical demands, cost, lack authority to make changes to property (renters)
- Also discussed perception that GSI attracts pests such as mosquitoes and snakes
- The way people want to receive information varies with age

Presentation on riparian restoration work at Seiders Springs:

- Overview of what constitutes a healthy riparian area
- Challenges at Seiders Springs
- Work that has occurred so far: elephant ear removal and replacement with native plants, johnson grass removal and replacement with native plants, ligustrum girdling, seeding bare soil with native species
- Future work will include: maintenance of invasive species removal sites in the riparian buffer, seed balls, construction of a stilling basin.

Next two meetings are slated for: April 26th and July 26th.