

~Lower Cedar Watershed: Partnerships in Conservation~

Cedar River Watershed Coalition Fall 2017 Meeting

Friday, October 20th, 2017 • 10:00 am – 2:30 pm

Discovery Park - Environmental Learning Center, Muscatine (3300 Cedar St, Muscatine)

Meeting Agenda

10:00 am Welcome & Introductions

Coalition Co-Chairs: Rob Hogg, State Senator and Vern Fish, Black Hawk County / Waterloo

10:15 am Good Neighbor Iowa

Kamyar Enshayan will introduce the Good Neighbor Iowa program, which seeks to reduce children's exposure to harmful lawn chemicals.

10:45 am Panel: Lower Cedar Watershed Partnerships

Panelists will provide an introduction to conservation partnerships in the Lower Cedar.

- Lower Iowa & Cedar Valley Conservation Alliance (*Josh Spies, The Nature Conservancy*)
- Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority (*Jennifer Fencel, ECICOG*)
- Soil Health Partnership (*Elyssa McFarland, Iowa Field Manager, Soil Health Partnership*)

11:15 am Introduction to the Swamp White Oak Preserve

Dale Maxson, Eastern Iowa Land Steward with Iowa TNC, will discuss the ecology, restoration, and wildlife benefits of the Swamp White Oak Preserve – as well as the threats it faces.

11:45 am Watershed News & Updates

Upcoming events, meetings, and announcements from partners

12:00 pm Lunch

A lunch will be available for participants at a cost of \$8.00 per person

12:30 pm Priorities for 2018 – Cedar River Watershed Coalition

Open discussion of key priority areas for meetings and other activities for next year.

1:00 pm Bus Tour of Swamp White Oak Preserve (bus sponsored by TNC)

Participants will learn about restoration techniques, grazing management, and the wildlife that inhabit this unique area.

2:30 pm Return to Discovery Center & Adjourn