

# CEDAR RIVER WATERSHED COALITION

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

## ~Renewed Urgency in the Cedar River Watershed~ Cedar River Watershed Coalition Fall 2016 Meeting

Friday, October 28th, 2016 • 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Veteran's Memorial Building (American Legion)  
101 Colfax Street, Parkersburg, Iowa

### Meeting Agenda

#### **10:00 am Perspectives on the Flood of 2016**

Co-Chair State Senator Rob Hogg will discuss the Flood of 2016 and the renewed significance of the Cedar River Watershed Coalition.

#### **10:15 am Water, Wildlife, and People: Upstream Neighbors - Downstream Benefits**

The Nature Conservancy in Iowa has focused attention on the Cedar River Watershed in recent years. Josh Spies, TNC's Lower Cedar Project Manager will discuss flood impacts in the Lower Cedar. Nicholas Longbucco, TNC's Cedar Basin Freshwater Manager will discuss their efforts to restore wetlands in the Middle and Upper Cedar.

#### **10:45 am The Iowa Watershed Approach - Middle Cedar Project**

The State of Iowa was recently awarded \$96 million for the "Iowa Watershed Approach," a project that will help address water quality and flood mitigation. Larry Weber, Director of University of Iowa IHR - Hydroscience & Engineering, will introduce the project and describe how it will bring millions of dollars for watershed-based improvements to the Middle Cedar Watershed.

#### **11:15 am Restoring Wetlands in Agricultural Areas**

The Wetlands Reserve Program has been an instrumental tool in increasing wetlands in flood-impacted agricultural lands. Lawrence Green, NRCS District Conservationist for Butler & Franklin Counties, will describe the program and its benefits to the West Fork Cedar Watershed.

#### **11:30 am Watershed News & Updates**

Open Discussion & Reactions to Flood of 2016

#### **12:00 pm Lunch Break**

Lunch is on your own; meeting participants are encouraged to bring a lunch. For those who need to purchase a lunch, a list of options will be provided at the meeting.

#### **12:45 pm History & Tour of the Big Marsh Wildlife Management Area**

Jason Auel, Iowa DNR Biologist, will lead a tour of one of Iowa's largest wetland complexes.

#### **3:00 pm Closing Comments & Adjourn**