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Hinkston Creek Watershed Stakeholder Questionnaire Summary

December 2019

I. Future Stakeholder Meetings
   a. Meeting Frequency: Majority selected Twice a Year
      Will look at April-June for a spring meeting and Nov for our fall meetings
   b. Time of Day: Top responses were Weekday Mornings and Weekday Lunch followed by weekday evenings

II. Clean Water in Hinkston Creek
   a. Return of wildlife
   b. Continued water quality improvement
   c. Community driven initiatives that are supported by state and federal agencies
   d. Lower E.coli and less trash
   e. Water that you can safely swim and fish in
   f. Meeting water quality standards, meeting reasonable (KY Bluegrass Region) nutrient concentrations, stable streambanks
   g. Safe drinking water source, free of contaminates, safe for both human and animal consumption, as well as supporting recreational activities

III. Known Problem Areas
   a. Farmers need to water out of streams; restricting access results in a need for alternative water sources
   b. Hinkston Road old pumping station area, very high E.coli in this location
   c. Trash/dump sites, litter, garbage, and debris in streams
   d. Straight pipes
   e. Streambank erosion, sedimentation, high E.coli and nutrients
   f. Roadway runoff from Mt. Sterling area into Hinkston Creek

IV. Success Stories
   a. City of Millersburg/Bourbon Christian Academy Riparian Buffer project
   b. 319(h) Septic and riparian buffer funding and outreach and education efforts
   c. Mt. Sterling Water and Sewer replacing old sewer lines for years
   d. Bourbon and Nicholas county state cost-share projects with Conservation Districts

V. Other Ideas/Additional Feedback
   a. "Green tour" including some successful streamside buffer projects
   b. Involve civic organizations to help with creek cleanups
   c. Continued Farm Field Days and Cattlemen's Association engagement
   d. More active LRWW samplers needed (those seeking more information on becoming a sampler will hear from Lindsie after the New Year)
   e. Explore cost of testing for human vs. animal E.coli contaminates to target funds