

AGENDA
Wright County Northwest Quadrant Plan
Natural Resources/Water Quality Committee Meeting #2

Monday, April 7, 2008
1:30pm

Wright County Government Center Room 120 (Conference Room next to P & Z)

I. Guest Speakers

Hannah Texler – NHNRP Regional Plant Ecologist, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Ecological Resources Division

The Division of Ecological Resources conserves Minnesota's natural heritage: including natural areas, and native plants and animals. They protect the ecological health by restoring ecosystems and addressing threats such as invasive species. They also promote enjoyment and understanding of nature through wildlife viewing and nature tourism.

They also support local stewardship by providing information for land use decisions which is valuable to our Natural Resource Committee's responsibility.

Marc Mattice – Parks Administrator, Wright County

Marc has been the Parks Administrator for Wright County since 1998. In 2007 Marc served on the advisory board for the Minnesota State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. He recently served as the chair of the Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association Natural Resources Committee.

The Wright County Park System has three main goals:

1. To preserve key natural resources of the county in permanent open space.
2. To provide sufficient open space for parks and recreation areas, and provide space for activities beyond our vision, while available.
3. To provide evidence that our generation, by preserving for future generations, had concerns for quality of life today and in the future.

II. Questions?

III. Next Steps – Future Meetings

- a. Summarize and review NEQ Natural Resource section and map.
- b. Compare any other pertinent geographical information in the NWQ from guest speakers and other resources (maps) to the maps that the committee completed.
- c. Delineate areas for protection on NWQ Land Use Plan Map.
- d. Developing suggested County policy.
- e. Potential ordinance amendments.