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Farewell Scott and Sara!

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Important Dates:

- Reception for Sara and Scott Owen, Oct. 12th, Park at the River, before and after the Steering Committee Mtg. 2:00-3pm/4:30-6pm
- October 12th– Steering Committee meeting. Park at the River, 3:00-4:30pm
- October 13th– Maumelle Chamber of Commerce Expo, 12-7pm
- October 15th- Wetland Walk– Master Naturalists and Native Plant Society 9:00-10:30am

Story Ideas? Want to be put on the mailing list? Contact us at

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Newsletter of the White Oak Bayou Wetland Management Plan

Wetland Management Plan Update

Current developments, meeting updates, and future plans

Fall is finally here and the White Oak Bayou is reflecting this beautifully changing season. Speaking of changes, this month Scott Owen will soon be relocating to Helena, Montana. Therefore, the WCI / Jacobs Team has been actively documenting project information from Scott regarding all aspects of the WOBWMP. While Sara and Scott will be residing in another state, they will still be involved with the project assessing HGM data, GIS mapping, and hopefully anything else we call upon them for guidance!

Public Outreach was discussed in depth at the last Steering Committee meeting as opportunities were on the horizon. September outreach included a habitat booth held at the Karnaval

festival in the Marche Community. Barbara Miller, an Ecologist with ADEQ, ran a habitat game played by many children at the festival while we sought adult input about the WOBWMP via the survey. Plans have been made to have a booth at the Maumelle Chamber of Commerce Expo on October 13th (sign up list for booth staffing is being circulated) as well as at the Arbor Day event in November. Additional upcoming public outreach activities also include a fall wetland walk with the Master Naturalists and Native Plant Society that has been planned for October 15th. This walk is intended to showcase an area of the WOB on the Vestal property. While on the walk, we plan to explain the importance of wetlands, discuss HGM as-



Girls enjoy playing a habitat game at the Karnaval festival in the Marche Community.

essment, and talk about the goals of the WOBWMP. Don't have plans that morning? Come join us and following the walk wish Sara and Scott bon voyage on their way to Montana!

Wetland Ecology: Educational Programs: Girl Scouts / EPA

Exploring the functions and values of wetlands in the ecosystem

Girl Scouts from Troop 6205 took a tour along the Maumelle Wetland Trail as one of five patch requirements to earn the Water Drop Patch while learning about the benefits of wetlands. The girls enjoyed the walk along the trail while learning about wetlands.

They identified three characteristics of wetlands on site 1) hydrology 2) hydric soils and



Water Drop Patch. © Girl Scouts of the USA. Used by Permission.

Wetland Ecology, continued

Tickseed, River Oats, and Butterflies were seen along the Maumelle Wetland Trail.



3) hydrophytic vegetation and discussed what different plants and animals live in this watershed. The girls also toured the Maumelle Wastewater Treatment Plant to see how wastewater is treated and then discharged back into the Arkansas River. The



The Troop learned about the clarification tank and wastewater process.



Girl Scouts develop posters to encourage others to "Keep Our Water Clean".

prepared posters promoting clean water to be displayed in their communities. The Water Drop Patch Project was prepared by the USEPA in 2008 and inspires Girl Scouts to learn about water quality and to take action in their communities.

Wetland Trivia

Did you know the only continent that does not have wetlands is Antarctica?

Community Forum

Showcasing the community's photos, stories, and more

Reception for Scott and Sara

Bill and Katy Richardson, owners of Wetland Consultants, Inc., are hosting a Farewell Reception for Sara and Scott Owen, before and after the October 12 White Oak Bayou Wetland Management Plan Steering Committee meeting. Sara and Scott will be attending the meeting and will be avail-

able at 2:00 P.M., an hour before the scheduled 3:00 meeting. They will also be available afterwards until 6:00 p.m., for friends and colleagues not attending the meeting to come by, visit and say goodbye.

There will be hors d'oeuvres and beverages available both times. Unfortunately, there

will be no fresh eggs for the door raffle. The new owners of their house now reap the benefits of Sara's chickens.

If you have ideas for future raffle items, please share your thoughts!



Scott and Sara Owen backpacking in the Ruby Mountains, NV

Karnawal Festival / Marche Community



Maumelle Mayor, Mike Watson and Debbi Watson at the Karnawal Festival.

Karnawal, an annual festival in the Marche community, was held again this year at the Immaculate Heart of Mary School on September 16-17th. Despite a rainy start, events continued with pony and hay rides, carnival games, silent auction, flea market, arts and crafts, church tours, Polish dinner, dancers, Marche Polka Band, and more. It was not uncommon to see winners carrying their prize cakes, dolls, stuffed animals, and even colas and slabs of meat through the crowded midway.



There were plenty of games to choose from for entertainment.