

Licking River Basin Team Meeting – Summary

Hello, all!

Thank you for attending our grand “re-opening” of the Licking River Basin Team (official name, per survey results). It was not hard to experience the excitement and momentum present in that room. Thank you for traveling to Clark Co. and participating; we had great turnout – 34 people attended, representing 17 different organizations. I had a chance to talk with and listen to many in the room, some new and some who have dedicated their careers to the Licking (a great mix of perspectives, if you ask me!). We got a chance to learn about the work that is being done around our basin and began the planning process to mobilize this momentum via small group discussions. I will separately send out meeting minutes that include more detailed happenings.

I hope that this meeting is the first of many for the group and we continue to grow our partnerships around the basin. I look forward to working with this group and helping it develop into a community-driven entity that works collaboratively to protect and restore the water quality of the Licking River and its tributaries. I hope to see you all soon.

- *Mahtaab*

1. Important dates

- a. **December 3rd**: deadline for 319 (h) project proposals. More info [here](#).
- b. **December 6th by 12pm EST**: deadline for World Resources Institute watershed project proposals (restricted to Boone, Kenton, and Campbell Cos.). Please contact me for the [Request For Proposals memo](#).

2. Survey results

- a. Meeting Frequency: there was split between annual and quarterly meetings, so I will plan on organizing meetings three times a year (later winter/early spring, summer, and fall). We can see how this goes and alter accordingly, if need be.
- b. Location: meetings will move around the basin and will incorporate field days, panel discussions, workshops, and guest speakers. Suggested locations include: Cave Run Lake, Thomas More Biological Field Station, Boone Co. Conservation District, and extension offices around the basin.
- c. Communication: to stay in contact...
 - Monthly emails: I'll send out a monthly email with updates from everyone. I'll send it out the first week of every month. The first email will be slated for **January**, so please send me any updates you have by **December 18th**. I'll try to keep this deadline of two weeks prior to make sure I have everything typed up and ready to go!
 - Licking River Quarterly Newsletter: this goes out, as the name suggests, quarterly (January, April, July, October) and I can tailor content to group needs/wants. Currently, I have an Intro Section, Basin Story Highlight, Group Spotlight, and Funding and Opportunities with grants and events around the state/basin. **Please let me know what else you would like to see**. Also, please [subscribe](#) if you have not already!
 - Webpage: the Licking River Basin has a [webpage](#) under the Division of Water website. You can find watershed plans (old and active), archived newsletters, upcoming events (**send me any events you would like published**), and a new “Resources” section, where I will include important information and links for those involved in our basin. I'll have an “Intro to the Licking River Basin” PowerPoint, contact info for basin team members, funding sources (compiled into a PDF), basin team meeting summaries (i.e., this document), and anything else you all think would be beneficial in a resource directory.
 - Social Media: In case you aren't already following us, our Nonpoint Source team at Division of Water has a Facebook page: [I Love KY Water](#). We post fun facts, events, and highlight groups around the state. I can also share your events on this platform.

3. Logo – I'm working with the Bluegrass Area Development District to develop a logo – stay tuned!

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