

Watershed planning group to meet Tuesday
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ALGONQUIN – The villages of Algonquin and Lake in the Hills, the city of Crystal Lake and the Crystal Lake Park District have joined to create a Woods Creek Watershed Plan.

A stakeholders meeting will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at Algonquin Village Hall, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin.

The meeting is part of the watershed planning process, which is expected to take from a year to 18 months to complete. Stakeholder meetings will take place every other month.

Tuesday's meeting will focus on a water quality monitoring update, a green infrastructure network, ecologically significant areas, sensitive aquifer recharge areas, objectives for the goals of the watershed plan and a presentation by Al Wilson on ecological restoration.

The Woods Creek Watershed, primarily in southeast McHenry County, is a sub-watershed of the Crystal Creek Watershed that is part of the larger Upper Fox River Basin in northeast Illinois. For a map of the watershed, visit www.algonquin.org/eco.

The ecological quality of the Woods Creek Watershed was long thought to be in good condition. But intense urban sprawl in southeast McHenry County in the past 15 years is beginning to degrade the water quality, according to a news release from the village of Algonquin.

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