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Dear Colleagues and Partners,

The Sheboygan River Basin Partnership (SRBP), in partnership with the UW Extension Basin Education Initiative is sponsoring a program titled, "**Our Fish Can't Jump**" on **Thursday, November 8, from 9:00 – 11:00 at Kohler Andrae State Park.**

Speakers will focus on **results from a recent study in Ozaukee County - stream impediments - awareness and corrective strategies**, an important topic to highway departments, land and water conservationists, biologists and others. Ozaukee County received a grant from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program to identify, prioritize, and remediate stream passage impediments and aquatic habitat fragmentation on 11 Ozaukee County streams. Representatives from both Ozaukee County and Northern Environmental, Inc. will present their findings and field questions you might have concerning this topic.

Impassable culverts, accumulated debris, fill, water control structures, and other artificial barriers fragment stream habitat and impede or preclude the passage of fish and other aquatic organisms to high-quality wetlands, lakes, and other habitat. We hope that by achieving a better understanding of this topic, habitat protection will be included in the planning process when installing culverts, artificial barriers, etc.

The program is part of the SRBPs "Watershed Protection in the Spotlight" series of presentations and field trips focusing on water quality protection and funded by a 2006-07 grant from the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board.

This program is free, but pre-registration by Friday, November 2, is requested. To pre-register, please call Laurie Paulin, SRBP Project Specialist, at (920) 726-4883 or e-mail her at lmopaulin@alumni.nmu.edu.

AGENDA

“Our Fish Can’t Jump”

Awareness and Corrective Strategies for Ozaukee County Stream Impediments

Thursday, November 8, 2007

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Kohler-Andrae State Park

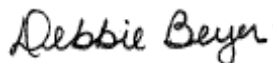
(Exit 143 south of Sheboygan at the Hwy V/OK exit, take Hwy V east 2 miles)

Your park admission fee will be waived for this program.

- Introductions
- General Overview: Andy Holschbach
- Stream Impediment Impacts: Will Wawrzyn, DNR Fisheries Biologist
- Ozaukee County Barriers, General Remediation Strategies: Dale Buser, Northern Environmental
- Future Remediation Approach and Strategies
- Question and Answer Period
- Adjournment

We are excited for you to attend our November 8 program. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Deb Beyer
Basin Educator for Natural Resources