



## **Nampa Stormwater Program**

### **Nampa Stormwater Advisory Group (NSWAG) | Meeting #2 Summary**

Nampa Civic Center- North Casler Room | 311 3<sup>rd</sup> St. S., Nampa  
Tuesday, April 23, 2013 | 4-6 p.m.

## Overview

The Nampa Stormwater Advisory Group (NSWAG) met for its second meeting Tuesday, March 23 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Nampa Civic Center. NSWAG is providing input to the City of Nampa's Stormwater Program. The advisory group will help with special project development and implementation and assist the City in its continued effort to provide stormwater education and outreach to the community in Nampa.

## Objectives

At the meeting, the City:

- Reviewed the content and purpose of the interpretive signage
- Discussed criteria to be used to determine the location of the interpretive signage
- Toured the potential locations for interpretive signage

## Agenda/Presentations

**Welcome and introductions** | Cheryl Jenkins, City of Nampa-Stormwater Program Manager  
Cheryl welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting.

**Outcomes of Meeting #1** | Cheryl Jenkins

Cheryl briefly reviewed the EPA grant, Stormwater Program, purpose of NSWAG, tip-sheets and interpretive signage project which were presented at the first meeting.

**Low-literacy tip-sheets** | Jocabed Veloz, Health-Fit Designs

Jocabed asked for volunteers to help develop a series of low-literacy tip-sheets that will reach out to the Hispanic community and the youth of Nampa. She also called for volunteers to join a low-literacy tip-sheet subcommittee.

**Social media planning** | Jocabed Veloz

Jocabed presented the importance of utilizing social media to encourage healthy stormwater practices. She also called for volunteers to join a social media subcommittee.

**Interpretive Signage** | Cheryl Jenkins and Karla Nelson, City of Nampa-Public Involvement Coordinator

Cheryl presented the purpose of the interpretive signage. She discussed the importance of creating interpretive signage with content that is directly related to its location. Karla encouraged participants to rank the importance of the interpretive signage criteria.

**Tour of potential signage location** | Karla Nelson

Karla took meeting participants on a tour of the potential locations for the interpretive signage:

- Nampa Dog Park
- Indian Creek Trail
- Indian Creek Park
- Star Park

- City Acres Park

### **Questions/Comments**

- How much funding will be allocated for the interpretive signage?
- Consider marking more of Nampa's storm drains with information about stormwater and which local water bodies it effects.

### **Meeting Participants**

- Darrin Heaps, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Tammy Langley, Family Justice Center
- Dena Skow, Idaho Rivers United
- Rodney Ashby, City of Nampa
- Gene Weaver, City of Nampa
- Erika Ramirez, Nampa Mayor's Teen Council
- Luciano Flores, University of Idaho
- Victor Rodriguez
- Jerry Smith
- Brian Raybon, Senator Crapo's Office
- Ray Rick, City of Nampa

### **Nampa City Representatives**

- Cheryl Jenkins, City of Nampa-Stormwater Program Manager
- Karla Nelson, City of Nampa, Public Works Public Involvement Coordinator
- Jocabed Veloz, Health-Fit Designs
- Rosemary Curtin, RBCI

## Meeting # 2 Summary

Meeting participants were asked to complete a comment sheet for the options for signage locations. The following section summarizes participants' most often repeated comments.

Parks are listed in order of support.

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- **Indian Creek Park** is heavily used by desired target group, has room for signage and displays the effects of stormwater
  - Likes
    - High volume, high use
    - In target area
    - Room for future expansion
    - Great site—meets all the criteria
    - Lots of potential to reach out to people with information about wildlife, vegetation and water quality
    - Erosion is present
    - Fantastic areas for outdoor classroom
    - School lunch, summer programs are an added advantage
  - Dislikes
    - Fence might lessen the success of the signs
  
- **City Acres Park** has room for signage and gatherings, has attractive environment and is highly frequented
  - Likes
    - Urban/nature interface is positive
    - High frequency and in target area
    - Good area would allow for expansion
    - Probably a better area overall
    - Attractive, creek is visible, park is large, more mature vegetation
    - Present an opportunity to educate about urban impacts
    - Great possibility for future day lighting and signage near waterway
    - Like the visuals of two large pipes
    - Having the signage next to commercial property is a plus
    - More centrally located and good urban interface
  - Dislikes
    - N/A
  
- **Nampa Dog Park** is a high volume sight but would not reach the desired target group (Hispanic community) or a diverse group of residents
  - Likes
    - High volume site

- Reasonable idea especially since the pond will be built
    - Targets the animal waste problem
  - Dislikes
    - Does not meet purpose of the grant (i.e. would not reach or encompass the Hispanic community)
    - Too limiting
- **Indian Creek Trail** is not heavily used and too small for signage or gatherings
  - Likes
    - Visually depicts problems of stormwater by using signs to explain
    - Beneficial for low literacy problem
    - Good source of information for homeowners who are affected by the overflow of water, added incentive for them to follow the tips
    - Potential for increased use
    - Good location for future use
  - Dislikes
    - Not a lot of use other than kids
    - Currently unattractive and not heavily used
    - Not much area/room for signage
- **Starr Park** is too small for large gatherings
  - Likes
    - Good educational experience
    - Will reach Hispanic community
    - Could be a good location for outdoor classroom
    - Monitoring station location is a plus
  - Dislikes
    - Not large enough for large gathering
    - Not enough lush riparian area to inspire conversation about natural system
    - Not a lot of use
    - Too close to industrial facility

### Questions:

- Can a structure be added over the creek?
- How soon can this project be completed?
- How much information in the signage will be included about wildlife?
- Would the interpretive signage reach the Hispanic and low income community?
- Can the fence be taken down to expose the creek?

## Interpretive Signage Location Criteria

Meeting participants were given a list of location criteria to scale from most important to somewhat important. The following section summarizes what participants' considered most important for signage locations.

### Most important signage location criteria

- Signage should be located on property that is owned and managed by City of Nampa and reach the Hispanic community
- Signage should be placed in an area of high bicycle and foot traffic
- Signage should be located in an area near Nampa's local water bodies
- Signage content should address its surrounding environment (i.e. if there is erosion near the signage, the content would relate to the effects of erosion)



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### Comments

1	I'm interested in the low-literacy tip-sheets, depending on the time frame. I think the dog park is too limiting and doesn't meet the purpose of the grant (Hispanic). I like City Acres --- Indian Creek Park.
2	Nampa Dog Park-Signs seem like a reasonable idea especially seeing that a pond will be built. Few signs will be needed which doesn't use up much of the grants. Targets the animal waste problem. Indian Creek (inside subdivision)-The creek visually depicts the problems of storm water by using the signs to explain. Beneficial for the low literacy problem. Good source of information for the home owners who are affected by the over flow of water, added incentive for them to follow the tips since they are affected. Can't the flow of water be redirected if it is given the city councils approval? Indian Creek Park-In the target area, high volume. Fence might lesson the success of the signs. Lakeview Park would be a much better idea especially since there aren't any signs besides park rules.
3	Dog park would not reach or encompass Hispanic Community. Trail- not much areas or room for signage or groups Indian Creek Park- target area, room for trail, room to expand area large area for community gathering. Star Park- not large enough for large gatherings, good educational experience. More central located. City Acres- would be a good area also room for expansion. Probably a better area overall.

4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Dog Park- a good, high volume site, but I don't think it would reach as diverse a group as other sites have the potential to reach. If there were money for quite a few signs it might be beneficial to place one sign here, but I wouldn't consider this the best site.</li> <li>2. Indian Creek Trail- I like the sight due to its potential for increased use. Signs could really focus on how cleaner stormwater can lead to a healthier, more attractive riparian corridor. My concern is that the site is currently unattractive and not heavily used.</li> <li>1. Indian Creek Park- Great site. Meets all the criteria, lots of potential to reach a lot of people with information about wildlife, vegetation and water quality.</li> <li>3. Starr Park- I like the education opportunity, but because of its size I doubt there would be big groups of people visiting. Even though the creek is more visible, it doesn't have as much of lush riparian area to inspire conversation about natural systems.</li> <li>1. City Acres Park- I like this park as a site. Its attractive, the creek is visible, the park is large. I think it's a great site. I also agree with what someone said about adding info about urban impacts.</li> </ol> <p>In addition to what has been listed under content it could be good to include some specific changes people could expect to see at the site with cleaner stormwater.</p>
5	<p>To me the best place to put signage is Indian Creek Park and the dog park because of how populated they get. For the dog park two spots to put signage would be the entrance where they have the postings in the center of the park. As for Indian Creek I'm thinking near the no alcohol sign or by the seating in the back. They dog park would target younger crowds due to the fact that they could own pets.</p>
6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dog Park- Hispanic Usage is probable however amount is unknown. However-must include the Hispanics. I'm not a dog owner so can't relate to usage.</li> <li>2. Indian Creek Trail- need safety signs both Hispanic + English. Not a lot of usage other than kids. Good example of stormwater issues. Needs cleaned up!</li> <li>3. Indian Creek – erosion is present and needs to figure who has responsible for the Indian Creek Trail ---restoral issue. Indian Creek area</li> <li>4. Indian Creek is not used by everyone who lives near. Positive Hispanic traffic.</li> <li>5. Star Park- same situation as Indian Creek Hispanic usage- needed signs all over-not used a lot --- logistics.</li> </ol>

7	<p>Interested in low-literacy subcommittee. Would like to see data on # visitors/proposed site. Dog Park not in Hispanic target area. Single sign may be insufficient unless placed at entrance or by restroom.</p> <p>Indian Creek Park-With trail, would be fantastic location especially for outdoor classroom –in targeted area- high frequency. City Acres Park-Emphasis urban nature interface-positive. More mature vegetation-enhanced beauty.</p> <p>Higher frequency. In target area</p>
8	<p>I like the dog park but am concerned about purpose of the grant. If it can meet the purpose, I think it is a good location near the gate or bathrooms.</p> <p>Indian creek in newer subdivision- I think this shows a lot of aspects of stormwater and relationship to subdivision. Not a lot of space for gathering areas. Indian Creek Park- seems like ideal location-potential to open up an area (from fencing) signage close to playground and creek. I haven't seen a lot of use at Starr park probably a good location for an outdoor classroom. City Acres Park-great location for future day-lighting signage near waterway.</p>
9	<p>Dog park-volume and wide exposure concerns may not be best for first impact. Indian Creek Trail-. Indian Creek park- target area better location for an educational center good potential in the future. Starr park-monitoring station. City Acres-.</p>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can a structure be added over the creek?</li> <li>• How soon can this project be completed?</li> <li>• How much information in the signage will be included about wildlife?</li> <li>• Would the interpretive signage reach the Hispanic and low income community?</li> <li>• Summer programs and school lunch programs are an added advantage.</li> <li>• Can the fence be taken down to expose the creek?</li> </ul> <p>City acres park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A highly used park</li> <li>• Proximity to industrial facility creates interesting possibilities for the signage</li> <li>• Having the location next to a commercial property is an asset</li> <li>• Like the visual preference of the two large pipes in Indian Creek</li> <li>• Can the location of the two large pipes in Indian Creek be taken advantage of for the educational signage?</li> <li>• Can Indian Creek be “Day Lighted” more?</li> <li>• Would like information about how Caldwell managed to Day Light Indian Creek in their city</li> </ul>
11	<p>Tour comments/questions for Site #1 -Dog Park</p> <p>Site only includes dog owners, not the entire community</p> <p>Prefer to put signage throughout the park or put a large sign at the entrance if this site is selected for the interpretive signage</p>

12	Tour comments/questions for Site #3 Indian Creek Park Supportive and excited about this location Great location Will reach the Hispanic community School lunch program and summer school programs are an added advantage
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