

**Avon Hills Initiative Executive Committee Meeting
November 28, 2007**

Present: Tom Kroll, Rachel Peterson, Todd Holman, Steve Plantenberg, Bill Fahrney, Peter Dwyer, Will Huston, Mike Leedahl, John Maile

The Nature Conservancy – Conservation Action Plan

John Maile presented the Conservation Action Plan. The reception has been warm, and the next step is implementing. The comp plan commission might be receptive.

Comp Plan Update

Bill Fahrney attended the meeting. The planning commission passed the plan, and public hearings will be held in January. Steve mentioned that the plan has been shaved back from St. Joseph and St. Wendell townships, but all of the Arboretum land is included. The county commissioners have respect for the AHI and will take us seriously.

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The AHI is aware of the proposed power line, and they are aware of us. The layout is still being debated. Watch for further meetings and updates.

Grants

LCCMR: \$337,000 has been awarded. \$256,000 will go towards conservation easements. In determining this, should follow the methodology of TNC (rating system, identify critical areas). Should explore and invite, but not pressure, land owners. \$32,000 will be made available after July 1 for a Randall Arendt-like planner. The Initiative Foundation has funded the Land Heritage Coordinator position for the next 2-3 years.

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The Avon Hills Initiative will meet the last Wednesday of the month, January – November.