Avon Hills Initiative Executive Committee Meeting August 27, 2008 Room 150, New Science Center, Saint John's University

Present: Karen Bobeldyk, Jenny Kutter, Tom Kroll, Bill Fahrney, Peter Dwyer and Mike Leedahl

AHI Annual conference, "Living in the Avon Hills" January 24, 2009

The conference committee discussed designing a logo to help advertise the conference. The board decided that it would be better to design a high quality AHI logo for all future publications and events rather than to focus on designing a conference-specific logo. Peter will research getting a logo design for the Avon Hills Initiative that would be unveiled at the conference in January.

The conference committee is working on firming up speakers and sponsors.

The next conference planning committee meeting is September 3 at 2 p.m.

Initiative Awards

Peter will draft and submit a final award list with descriptions. Award categories include Public Service, Conservation & Land Stewardship, Business, and Lifetime Service.

Jenny will draft a nomination form that will be available both in hard-copy and electronically. Nominations must be postmarked by November 30. The board will review nominations at the Dec. 10th meeting and will notify winners after the meeting.

AHI Newsletter

Planned mail date is October 27

Main theme will be Annual Meeting promotion and a call for nominations for the Initiative Awards. Other articles will include a summary of the land-planning conference on Oct. 20-21, information about the Clean Water, Land, Legacy amendment on the ballot in November, information about the forestland tax relief classification, and a yearly report from the chair.

LCCMR Update

Tom reported that several prospects for conservation easements are being considered

Next meeting will be September 24 at 4:45 p.m.

Future meeting dates for 2008 will be Oct. 29 and Dec. 10 at 4:45 p.m.