



Interagency Subcommittee on Environmental Education

June 10, 2014, 1:30 PM

Salato Wildlife Education Center

Frankfort, KY

In attendance: April Haight, Morehead State University; Laurie Davison, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources; John Eisiminger, Division of Compliance Assistance; Heather Alexander, Division of Waste Management; David Allen, Murray State University; Arnita Gadson, Environmental Quality Commission; Peter Barber, Division of Forestry; Roberta Burnes, Division for Air Quality; Lisa Deavers, Department of Parks; Seth Wheat, Adventure Tourism; Ossana Wolff, Adventure Tourism; Elizabeth Schmitz, staff, KEEC; Wesley Bullock, staff, KEEC.

The meeting opened at 1:30 p.m. with introductions.

Presentations

**Laurie Davison, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources**, led a tour of the Salato Wildlife Education Center including a demonstration of feeding the center's red-tailed hawk.

**Peter Barber, Kentucky Division of Forestry**, presented on urban forestry in Kentucky. He mentioned the huge enthusiasm for outdoor classrooms in KY and everywhere, but noted that there is not a single spearheaded effort to get the classrooms. Laurie Davison recommended talking to Locust Trace AgriScience Farm, who took over the Backyard Habitat program from Salato, for information on natives and other plants. She also mentioned Jeff Duggans from H2O design who has a grant program for school water habitat. Peter said that the Division of Forestry has grant money to support statewide programs that impact forestry, and the funding is underutilized and goes back to the federal government if not used in Kentucky. He would like to put together a large statewide project, with a grant process that takes about a year to get approved, to fund a project related to the Division of Forestry core mission.

**Elizabeth Schmitz, KEEC**, announced that she is working with US Department of Education on a tour of Green Ribbon Schools in Kentucky, including Locust Trace. She will inform the committee of details. and invite them on the tour. She also said that KEEC is developing the 5-year Master Plan for EE in KY, due this year. Kentucky State University will probably host a Frankfort meeting, and there will also be Lexington and Louisville meetings. KEEC will notify committee members as the meetings are scheduled.