



## CALENDAR OF

### Nov. 14th:

Board Meeting @ AWC Office  
5:30

### Dec. 19th:

Board Meeting @ AWC Office  
5:30

### Early Feb.:

Annual Meeting

## Hillside District Plan

The Municipality of Anchorage is in the process of developing the Hillside District Plan to establish sound public policy that reflects the vision of residents and landowners for future Hillside growth. This plan will provide more specific guidelines for development within the Hillside District than the Anchorage Comprehensive 2020 Plan. A website has been created for the plan project located at [www.hillside-districtplan.com](http://www.hillside-districtplan.com) and provides lots of information on plan development and concerns, as well as, information on how to get involved through participation or comment on upcoming drafts. The AWC has begun attending the Citizens Advisory Committee meetings and the AWC board of directors will review and comment on the public draft of the plan due out in January.



AWC has great concerns over the future of the marsh in light of the increased development in this watershed. We have begun gathering

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# Streamline

December 2008

## Annual Meeting to Discuss Potter Marsh

Potter Marsh has generated many media stories during its history but none of them have provided a comprehensive view of its place in our community. The

information regarding many aspects of the marsh including history, hydrology, ecosystem health, and resident and visitor usage. The AWC will present an interesting and informative program discussing the creation, evolution, and future of Potter Marsh and its wealth of biodiversity for our Annual meeting in early February. A variety of guest speakers will present information and differing perspectives on the marsh and its place in our community. If you are curious about any aspects of Potter Marsh or would like to raise concerns of your own regarding the marsh you won't want to miss this year's AWC Annual Meeting. The date and time of the meeting will be announced on our website soon!

## The Poop on Poop

The Scoop the Poop Committee has joined forces with a joint committee of the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission and the Animal Control Commission to more effectively get the message out about responsible pet ownership. We look forward to sharing our products and experiences with the People and Pets in Public Spaces committee and to work with them on eliminating the problem of pet waste on playing fields in the city.

## AWC's 2007-2008 Intern

Mary Simmering comes to us through the Service Adventure program, a part of the Mennonite Mission Network. Mary began volunteering for the AWC in September 2007 and will continue through July 2008. Mary calls Hesston, Kansas home and is taking a year off from her studies in Wildlife Ecology and Creative Writing at Oklahoma State University. Mary has already made herself a valuable member of our team through developing this newsletter format, contributing articles, and stepping in to help with the Monitoring Program while the search for a new Director continues. Welcome Mary!



## Little Campbell Alcove Project

Little Campbell Creek receives runoff from roofs, roads, parking lots, and equipment yards through storm drains. This creek also provides spawning and rearing habitat for several salmon species before they return to the sea. In the past few years fish kills have been reported that include juvenile salmon and other fish species. These fish kills have been associated with heavy rainfall and the resultant increase in turbidity. This situation can be viewed as the "canary in the coal mine" and serves to warn us of a potentially lethal environmental change.

In response to this problem, the AWC has taken several action steps. We have:

- prompted city-wide discussions with resource agencies and municipal officials,
- convened an advisory group of technical experts,
- begun evaluation of the problem,
- begun an experimental project designed to provide a refuge for fish, and
- developed a broad-based outreach program.

We all play a role in contributing to the effects of our actions on streams and we can all play a role in reducing these effects. Let's heed the canary and make some changes now for the sake of all our creeks!

## Helping Concerned Citizens

The AWC is currently working with two homeowners, one in Eagle River and one in Bear Valley, to help them resolve development related problems. In one case the Municipality appears to be preparing to set a dangerous precedent through the granting of a waiver for the required setback distance of a septic system from a surface water source. The other case involves severe glaciation and a damaged wetland as a result of not properly understanding the hydrology of the area and/or the regulations regarding development of wetlands. We work hard with our limited staff and great volunteer Board to help citizens like these resolve problems in the watershed and to make sure that the proper regulations are being followed to allow for responsible development in our community.



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