Hello Black Creek residents and fans!

I hope you are having a wonderful summer and enjoying all the recent downpours! This email newsletter shares the latest with the Black Creek Watershed Association members.

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Our current campaign invites businesses and other institutions to “Black Creek Champions” volunteering to reach out to new partners. To help, please let Christy know out what to say, and ideas for who to contact if you need them.

The next Black Creek Watershed Association gathering will be held in the fall. We will announce the date and call for volunteers soon. Participants to share a brochure with one potential new partner.

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The BCWA informed of each others’ efforts, and the BCWA provided a couple presentations to the EAB. Liz is stepping down from the EAB board. Liz provided updates back and forth, keeping both the EAB and BCWA members met at the Page Walker Community Center on June 3 to share a meal, hear updates on Black Creek work, and asked suggestions for future articles and other ideas for the watershed.

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Thank you all for your help with this important task!! A few of you have contacted businesses already and she’ll follow up with a brochure, a script to help you figure out what to say, and ideas for who to contact if you need them.

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