

Appendix U – Comments Resulting From the June 2008 Public Comment Period on the Draft Huron Creek Watershed Management Plan

1. “Gabions for stabilization of Huron Creek in Waterfront Park are not a good idea: some funding agencies do not favor this form of physical protection.”

References to gabions for use in the Kestner waterfront park were left in the plan as they currently appear to be the most appropriate slope toe stabilization material, given the velocities and shear stresses that can occur in the creek in the park area.

2. “Add Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as potential partner for implementation of plan elements.”

This has been added to the appropriate recommended actions.

3. “References to ‘metals’ as water quality issue is vague- instead refer to specific metals of interest- copper and iron.”

The term “metal” has been replaced with “copper and iron” where appropriate.

4. “Are metals (copper and iron) a problem associated with partial/full body contact?”

The term “metals” has been removed from Table 5.2 for the Designated Uses of Partial- and Full-Body Contact, as there are no state regulations for copper or iron based on partial- or full-body contact standards. However, it is mentioned in Section 5.2.1 that iron is an aesthetics issue in the former Houghton Landfill area due to the presence of “yellow boy.”

5. “Is iron a problem if there is no water quality standard associated with it?”

See response to #4. Also mentioned in Section 5.2.1 is how the “yellow boy” coats the creek substrate thereby damaging habitat for periphyton (which affects the creek ecosystem).

6. “Are there any federal regulations (in addition to state, etc.) that are relevant to the plan?”

Applicable federal regulations have been included in Section 3.2.2.

7. “People listed as members of WAC were not ‘invited to join;’ rather, they chose to participate.”

This has been changed in Chapters 1 and 4.

8. “Level of precision (number of digits) may be overstated for some numbers.”

Significant digits were adjusted where appropriate.