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Dear Core Team Member,

The third and final Core Team meeting for the Sandy Creeks Ecosystem-based Management Initiative is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2008, 6 – 8 pm, at the Sandy Creek town hall. At this meeting the Core Team will build on information gathered during the previous two meetings and focus on identifying four specific implementation projects. These implementation projects will serve two objectives: first, to help achieve the vision set forward by the Core Team; second, to demonstrate the power and potential of EBM to the rest of the state. The outcome of the December 17th meeting will be a compendium of high priority projects for the Sandy Creeks watershed along with detailed strategies for their implementation.

We are asking each Core Team member to prepare for the December meeting by identifying specific projects for consideration. Please submit (up to) three projects that address the priority issues identified during our November Core Team meeting: water quality, invasive species, and forest/habitat fragmentation & land use change. A template has been drafted to help organize your ideas; three copies of this template are enclosed. **We need your conceptual proposals by Monday, December 15th** in order to prepare the program for the meeting later in the week. Please fax (315- 655-4086) or email (rclarke@ecologicllc.com) your proposals to EcoLogic by 5 pm on Monday, December 15th. Again, we encourage you to canvas your stakeholders and peers for their ideas.

If you are unable to travel to the December 17th meeting, a conference call-in number will be provided. Please contact Katie Malinowski at 785-2380 or email Katie@tughill.org to confirm your attendance. All information can be found on our project website: <http://www.ecologicllc.com/scebm.html>

Best regards,

Sandy Creeks EBM Demonstration Project Steering Committee

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Enc (4): Core Team meeting #2 summary, Core Team meeting #3 agenda, driving directions, template for project proposals (3 copies)

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