

## 5. Stakeholder & Public Involvement

An Initial Charrette was held with the WMA to develop the group’s vision, mission, goals, and strategies moving forward.

A public open house was held to informally gather opinions from the community about the future of Fourmile Creek.

An Agriculture Focus Group meeting was held with agricultural producers within the watershed to discuss the formation of the FCWMA and the development of the Watershed Management Plan. The discussion was opened to the group to identify critical issues and opportunities to plan watershed management strategies within the watershed.

A Development Sector Focus Group meeting was held with development professionals from across the watershed to identify their concerns and opportunities to develop watershed management strategies and implementation.

The stakeholders were assigned Working Groups, consisting of an Infrastructure Working Group and a Policy, Education, and Communication Working Group. Each group had three meetings independently and discussed their strategies to address issues in the Fourmile Creek Watershed. The Infrastructure Working Group’s focus was on developing best management practices to address both water quality and quantity issues in the watershed. The Policy, Education & Communication Working Group’s focus was on developing consistency in guidelines across the watershed. A meeting was also held with Iowa State University members that were part of the both Working Groups to discuss their recommendations before being finalized. Their recommendations have been vetted through the Watershed Management Authority and are discussed in the Implementation Plan section.

### Dates for Meetings

Initial Charrette:  
October 10, 2013

Agriculture Focus Group:  
April 2, 2014

Development Sector Focus Group:  
April 17, 2014

Public Open House:  
April 21, 2014

Infrastructure Working Group:  
March 7, 2014  
May 12, 2014  
August 14, 2014

Policy, Education, and Communication Working Group:  
March 5, 2014  
May 29, 2014  
August 18, 2014

Iowa State University Collaboration Session:  
September 9, 2014