


ORRCA Intern Presentation

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Myself

- Bachelors' from The University of Kansas 
- CHES: Community Health Education Specialist
- Last semester at UTK, Masters of Public Health
 - Health Policy & Management (HPM)
 - Emphasis on Policy & Environmental Health
 - Health Policy Certificate

My Program



- Health Policy Certificate
 - Course experiences that foster:
 - Examination and *application* of current policy research
 - Development of skills related to:
 - Policy Analysis
 - Research
 - Program evaluation
 - Advocacy

The Problem

- Currently, the advisory signs on East Fork Poplar Creek and Bear Creek do not include newly accessible public areas, such as the greenway on the Black Oak Ridge Conservation Easement and access points at the Horizon Center.
- The water contact advisory for East Fork Poplar Creek may be lifted if the sewer refurbishment by the City of Oak Ridge is successful. This is good, but the problem is how to best communicate this change/advisory lifting to the public.

The Proposed Activities

- Potentially create a policy to effectively communicate the advisories to the public and inform recreational users in currently unmarked areas. This may include positioning more signage, but optimally should include educational language promoting safe use of the area.
- Expecting the bacteria related water contact advisory to be lifted, the intern could develop new signage explaining that the stream is available for public recreation, all except for an advisory on actual human consumption of fish.
 - Some ideas include suggesting that Lower East Fork is now a good scenic canoe blue way from about the Horizon Center down.
- The intern could develop a bacteria sampling plan that may register when the water contact advisory can be removed.

My Objectives, thus far

- On September 7th, 2015, I will deliver a short project proposal summary to Dale Rector & ORRCA representatives via email & Google Drive.
- No later than December 1st, 2015, I will have presented all deliverables to Dale Rector & ORRCA by way of a formal presentation and final project portfolio.

Your Input

Questions?

Comments!

Have questions after the meeting?

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