

Black & Oatka Creeks Watershed Management Plans



Project Advisory Committees Meeting
August 24, 2009

Meeting Agenda

1. Review and Approve the Community Outreach Plan(s)
2. Address RFP for third party contractor
3. **Begin to develop a Characterization of the watershed(s)**
4. Other items for Discussion

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Meeting Format

- Open format; both committees can discuss issues at will
- Let's be sure to note Black vs. Oatka changes...

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Community Outreach Plans

- Discussion revisions, section by section
- Advisory committees must have draft comments to BS by August 28th
- BS to make changes and post online for final review by Sept. 2
- Final iteration will be reviewed at next meeting before being sent to DOS

RFP for 3rd Party Support

- Present all of the items from the work plan that we may or may not be able to perform on our own
 - Review task by task if necessary
- Discuss specific committee needs or requirements for hiring a third party?
- If agreement is made, review next steps...

Characterization of the Watershed: Project Components

- Description of the Watershed
 - Delineation of Sub-watersheds
 - Demographics, socio-economic characteristics
 - Trends in land use and land cover
 - Local laws, plans and other documents
 - Inventory and describe critical features of the watershed
 - Hydrographic conditions, runoff, pollutant loads
 - *Identify and describe potential threats to water quality and ecology*

Characterization of the Watershed: Project Components

- Assessment of Natural Resources
 - Describe the ecological condition of aquatic and terrestrial communities, including:
 - Water quality classifications of all segments of the waterbody
 - *ID and describe threats and impairments to water quality and living resources*
 - *Inventory data on living resources (e.g. fish, macroinvertebrates)*
 - *Describe key water and habitat resources warranting special protection or restoration*

Other Project Components

- Prioritization of Subwatersheds
 - Ranking and evaluation to be based criteria such as:
 - % and type of land cover
 - Wetlands
 - Floodplain
 - Development Potential
 - # of Road/Stream Crossings
 - Violations of water quality standards
 - Parcel analysis
 - *Habitat and biota scores*

Other Project Components

- Identify and Describe Management Strategies for Watershed Restoration
 - Watershed-level and *site specific actions* to restore water quality and living resources/habitat
 - Potential sites for fish and wildlife habitat restoration including areas within streams, stream corridors, freshwater wetlands, and ponds for *potential improvement to ecological integrity*

Need for 3rd Party Contractor

- In most cases, G/FLRPC has a strong grasp of the data
- In some cases, staff will require expert assistance regarding data interpretation, QA/QC, identifying critical needs, and drawing other conclusions based on scientific data

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- Any third party contractor would be asked to 'stand by' their work as it pertains to subsequent project tasks through to the end of project completion

Next Steps

- BS to prepare a 'checklist' of Black/Oatka reports and other field work in order to help inform the discussion
- A draft/model RFP will be sought from DOS
- Next meeting committee to review above materials and continue to formulate an RFP