

MINUTES

Black Creek Watershed Coalition

Thursday, October 17, 2002

Genesee County Fish and Game Protective Association at Godfrey's Pond

Present: Mary Arnold, Town of Parma; Carole Beal, Monroe County Health Department; Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning and Development; Dorothy Borgus, Town of Chili; Bob Eichenberger, Town of Byron; Robert Patterson, Town of Bergen; Brad Rogers, Genesee County SWCD; Ronald Sloat, Godfrey's Pond; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Pat and Jim Tindale, Town of Chili; James Zollweg, SUNY Brockport.

1. Introductions, assignment of roles, questions about minutes

- Ron Sloat was chair, Carole Beal was scribe.

2. Consultant progress report

- Whitney completed a review of the municipal comprehensive plans. Next month he will analyze and summarize his findings. A common thread through each municipal plan is "desire to preserve rural character."
- Mark is preparing a grant proposal for a project that will use GIS data to prepare environmental models.
- Jim will soon post new data on the website. He has soils data in great detail. He still needs soils information from Wyoming and Orleans Counties. It was suggested he try each County's SWCD office. There are about 50 attributes for each soil series. Land use, soils and topography, the 3 biggest data sets, are almost done.
- Mark has the ability to re-check monitoring sites for which there is already water quality data. ADD MORE INFORMATION FROM MARK
- Jim's student has recorded waste site data.

3. Update on websites

- Jim has added pictures to the website. He will welcome suggestions for the website.
- We're within about 2 weeks of being on the Genesee Gateway site.
- Jim encourages us to publicize the website. Ideas were:
 - Local papers.
 - Black Creek email list
 - SWCDs for their newsletters
 - Town Clerks for town newsletters
 - Planning and Conservation Board chairs._

Carole and Rochelle will publicize the website with the BCWC email list, town clerks, and planning and conservation board chairs when the Genesee Gateway website is up and running. Dorothy will send information to Suburban News, Post papers, Batavia Daily News.

4. Review draft newsletter

- There was consensus that the newsletter is ready to send out. Carole, Rochelle and Robert R. will finalize the newsletter and it will go out before the end of October.

5. Review and revise draft Statement of Purpose and Goals and Objectives

- Goal 1: Change to “water quality and quantity issues.”
- Goal 2: Define minimal use impairments or change wording. Delete “improve, maintained and protected.” Change to “Water quality in the Black Creek watershed is such that there are minimal obstacles for intended uses.” (Later decided this goal was redundant. See the following.)
- Old Goal 3: Change to Goal 2: Waterways in the Black Creek watershed meet the best use classification goals set for them by the NYSDEC.”
- New Goal 3: “Water quality in the Black Creek watershed is such that there are minimal obstacles for *local* intended uses.”
- Goal 4: Delete “eliminated or.”
- Goal 5: Change to “Natural wetlands and wetland and stream buffer zones are preserved in order to protect water quality and manage flooding.”
- Goal 6: Okay.
- Goal 7: Change to “There is sufficient high quality habitat for aquatic, wetland and shoreline plants and animals.” (Delete “maintained/improved.”)
- Goal 8: Development impacts water quality or quantity in the Black Creek watershed to the least extent possible.”
- Goal 9: Change to “Citizens are knowledgeable about water quality and quantity issues.” (Consistently make the change to water quantity rather than flooding.)
- Goal 10: “There *are* ample....)
- Goal 11: Delete this goal.

6. Present format ideas for report text and maps

- Sample formats were distributed or passed around.
- Use major roads and the railroad on all maps.
- Make the maps so they look okay if copied in black and white.
- Find out how much extra cost there is for 11x17 maps (Carole).
- Jim will bring in a map in 2 different sizes of maps for us to see.

7. Announcements

- a. Report on Bergen Swamp hike
 - It was fun! The Drakes were excellent guides. Have another hike in the spring.
- b. IMA
 - Monroe County passed the IMA on October 8. October 8 will be the start date for the agreement. Get it signed by the 3 counties (Carole, Rochelle).
- c. Contract with SUNY Brockport
 - It is in process. Rochelle will send a claim voucher to Jim.

8. Determine chair, date, and location for next meeting; action items

- The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00. The location will be Genesee Community College and Maureen will be asked to chair the meeting.
- Carole will contact Maureen.

Parking Lot:

- Consider an objective about a study of what influences flooding in various segments of the creek.
- Further discuss adding “natural beauty” or ‘rural character” to Goal 8. Have this discussion after we hear the summary of the comprehensive plans.
- Have another Bergen Swamp hike in the spring.