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Black Creek Watershed Coalition
Wednesday, November 13, 2002
Genesee Community College

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Present: Whitney Autin and James Zollweg, SUNY Brockport; Mary Arnold, Town of Parma; Carole Beal, Monroe County Health Department; Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning and Development; Robert Clement, Town of Stafford; Maureen Leupold, Genesee Community College; Lester Muller, Stafford Town Board; Robert Remillard, Lake Plains RC&D; Ronald Sloat, Godfrey's Pond; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Pat Tindale, Town of Chili Conservation Board; Robert Wilkins, Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board.

1. **Introductions, assignment of roles, questions about minutes**
   - Maureen Leupold was chair, Rochelle Bell was scribe.

2. **Consultant progress report**
   - Whitney handed out a table summarizing his review of the municipal comprehensive plans. The table describes how the plans address watershed planning objectives. It should be understood that just because something isn't listed doesn't mean the town doesn't do it (e.g. SEQR – the State Environmental Quality Review). Page 2 of the handout describes the topics and factors related to watershed management that are shown on the table. Some highlights include:
     - The more rural towns tend to say, "Preserve prime farmland."
     - Larger towns appear to plan more thoroughly: they have more resources and more issues.
     - Every town appears to want to retain its rural character.
     - There is evidence that the towns are receptive to watershed planning. Common themes in the plans include preserving critical sensitive areas; preserve floodplain corridors, groundwater protection, and wetland protection.
   - Ron Sloat read a letter from Seven Springs re: Biglow Creek to illustrate how a community may have concerns about water quality that aren't addressed in a comprehensive plan.
   - Jim read the long-term flow record for Black Creek and noted that it has a large amount of variability for a stream of its size in NYS. Discharge can range from the single digits to 1000 cfs. Jim has prepared databases and maps for a lot of "point data" such as discharge permits, water quality monitoring sites, hazardous waste sites, etc., etc. He has a lot of data ready for tables to meet the objectives of the report.

     Jim talked about Cornell's LEAPE (Locally-led Education and Action for Protecting the Environment) Program and his interest in applying this program to the Black Creek watershed.

3.   The group reviewed and revised the draft objectives. This promoted excellent discussion. The revised objectives are attached.

4.   Form subcommittee for 1st review of the draft matrix
This agenda item was postponed for our next meeting.

5.   Present format ideas for report text and maps.
Jim Z. handed out two 8-1/2 x 11-inch maps and passed around an 11x17 example which everyone was very impressed with. The group should contact Jim at jzollweg@brockport.edu with their comments and ideas on the following:
    What do you think should be included on EACH map (universal content)
        Major roads
        Population Centers
    What do you think of the size and shape? 11x17 landscape ok with everyone?
    What do you think of having one set of maps optimized for black and white and one set optimized for color? (Color maps wouldn't copy to B&W without losing some detail.)

6.   Nominate a chair or two co-chairs for the BCWC
This agenda item was postponed for our next meeting.

7.   Updates on the website, newsletter, IMA and contract with Brockport
- Monroe County has paid Genesee Gateway for hosting the website for three years. Rochelle and Robert will talk to them about getting access to the site.
- The newsletter will be back from publication next week; Rochelle will wait to mail it until after the website is up and running at www.blackcreekwatershed.org.
- The IMA is circulating the counties for signatures
- The contract with the Brockport researchers is close to being finalized.

8.   Next meeting
Thursday, December 12, 7:00 PM, Chili Town Hall, Dorothy Borgus, Chair.