

MINUTES
Black Creek Watershed Coalition
Thursday, June 5, 2003
Bergen Town Hall

Present: Whitney Autin, Jim Zollweg, SUNY Brockport; Dorothy Borgus, Town of Chili; Jim Scudder, Town of Bethany; Mary Arnold, Town of Parma; Bob Wilkins, Monroe County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board; Bob Patterson, Town of Bergen; Bob Eichenberger, Town of Byron; Maureen Leupold, Genesee Community College/Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District; Robert Remillard, Lake Plains RC&D; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Charlie Knauf, Monroe County Health Department; Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning and Development;

Action items are underlined throughout the minutes.

Introductions, assignment of roles, questions about minutes

Dorothy Borgus was chair, Charlie Knauf was scribe and Robert Remillard was timekeeper.

Three typos were found in the minutes from the last meeting: change “form” to “from (1st paragraph); change “filed” to “field” (second paragraph from the bottom, page 3); and change “ahs” to “has” (4th bullet, page 4).

The final report distribution list was shared with the group. Everyone on the list will get an executive summary, a 8-1/2 x 11” B&W copy, an 11 x 17 B&W copy, an 11 x 17 color copy; and/or a CD. Get comments on list to Rochelle.

Rochelle reported on the Black Creek canoe trip and the Bergen Swamp hike. 15 people met at Churchville Park and were transported by Adventure Calls to the Bergen Rod and Gun Club. They paddled upstream towards the Bergen Swamp until debris forced them to turn around and then the paddled back to Churchville Park. Adventure Calls did a great job of leading the group, and it didn’t begin to sprinkle until the very end of the trip.

The Bergen Swam hike was also pleasant 2-1/2 hours spent in the watershed by about 15 folks. Barbara Drake and Patti Coan led the group and shared a wealth of fascinating information

Consultants’ Report: Dr. Whitney Autin provided a summary of changes, the group made more comments and received further clarification on some points.

Chapter 1: Dorothy Borgus provided Whitney with a well-edited history section. George Squires will ask the Bethany historian for some information. Rochelle will look for information she received from the wife of the son of the former Keeper of the Genesee

County Home. The history section will be reorganized so that it goes from the top of the watershed to the east, ending with Chili.

Charlie Knauf has information to add to Section 1.5.3.6 and he will fax this to Whitney at 585-395-2416.

Chapter 2: Ken Avery from Bergmann provided a lot of information on the National Flood Insurance Program. All municipalities in the watershed except for Middlebury are in the National Flood Insurance Program. The difference between stream buffers (imposed) vs. stream corridors (natural) was discussed; the need for stream surveys is addressed in the recommendation sections.

Chapter 3: USGS data set used to define agricultural active and idle land it can't distinguish between active and idle. Possible inclusion of the Golden Road Hazardous Waste Site was discussed; it was decided not to include discussion of individual facilities without a compelling reason.

There are small local parks that aren't shown.

Review Section 3.4 and ensure that there is enough detail in this section and get additions or comments to Rochelle

There was a question as to how much should be said regarding zoning and it was determined that an intensive analysis is beyond the scope of this report, but that there is a recommendation that current zoning in each municipality be analyzed and model zoning ordinances be prepared.

Add a few paragraphs on what is known from existing biological inventory programs.

Town of Byron discharge sites..

Manure spreading problems...

Section 3.6 WATER USES was discussed. DEC has a record of registered agricultural (irrigation) water withdrawals (3×10^6 gallons/season). Drinking water is from groundwater, not Black Creek.

Chapter 4: George will check Section 4.1.3 for changes.

Chapter 6: Rochelle and Charlie will get more information to Whitney about stormwater runoff management, and they will get a better definition from Ken Avery re: stormwater discharge points and where they are documented.

Recommend a detailed biological survey of the watershed.

Chapter 7: Rochelle will work on the appendices.

Get your comments on Version 2 of the report to Rochelle by July 1st, 428-5464 (phone), 428-5336 (fax)

Publicity: we will send notices to Gates Chili Post, R-News D&C and the Batavia Daily News on 8/1/03 re: the “unveiling” of the State-of-the-Basin report.

Comments on version II: Please get any further comments on the second draft to Rochelle Bell ASAP. This will be the last opportunity to comment on the report.

Next Meeting: Tuesday July 15, 2003, **6:00** PM, Genesee County Park & Forest in Bethany. George will confirm availability of shelter and he will bring pizza, too.