

Minutes
Black Creek Watershed Coalition (BCWC) and
Oatka Creek Watershed Committee (OCWC)
Monday, August 23, 2004
LeRoy Village Hall

Present: Whitney Autin, SUNY Brockport; Dorothy Borgus, Town of Chili; William Gick, Bethany Town Board; Jerry Davis, Supervisor, Town of Covington; Mike Grasso, Wheatland Environmental Conservation Board; Don Hoyt, LeRoy Conservation Advisory Council; Bob Kelley, Oatka Creek Watershed Committee and Wyoming County Planning Board; Charlie Knauf, Monroe County Health Department; Esther Leadley, Genesee County Legislature and OCWC; Mike Marley, Warsaw Town Board; Caroline Myers, Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District; Dave Reckahn, Wyoming County SWCD; Robert Remillard, United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Lake Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Pat Tindale, Chili Conservation Board; Rick VenVertloh, Village of Scottsville; Larry VerWeire, Village of Churchville; Bob Wilkins, Monroe County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board; and Dave Zorn, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council.

1. Introductions, assignment of roles and discussion on minutes of both watersheds.
Meeting Manager: Dorothy Borgus; Facilitator: Dave Zorn; Scribes: Charles Knauf and Pat Tindale.

Minutes from both previous watershed meetings approved.

Handouts:

- Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control
- Oatka Creek Watershed Town Board Meetings Presentation and
Call for Cooperation
- Local Laws to Protect Finger Lakes Water Quality Project
Municipal Law Review Chart
Assessment Form

2. Dave Zorn led the discussion on the Great Lakes Basin Program Grant implementation, emphasizing that our number one task is to improve water quality through reducing soil erosion and sedimentation control. He also spoke on the importance of the riparian corridors. Fran Reese, a riparian corridor expert, from Lu Engineers has been selected as the consultant. All work must be completed by October 2004.

He spoke of the importance of getting on the town board agendas early with our presentations. Some towns will require 2 to 4 months notice because of their work load. When doing Oatka Creek municipal meetings it was very important to keep the presentation to 10 minutes.

Towns are concerned about money. There are definite benefits to belonging to the coalition, at times there is more grant money coming back than ever went out. Whitney said that the apprehension about funding may be dealt with by letting municipal board members know about federal and NYS funds that become available as a result of the regional coalition.

Cayuga – so much grant money coming in they can't spend it fast enough.

It is important that all relevant county and intermunicipal organizations and agencies receive mailings before presentations.

Even though many laws cover water quality it's the regulatory procedures at the local level that have the greatest impact. Therefore, the assessment form handout will benefit us in our understanding of the existing local laws, ordinances and practices that are currently impacting both watersheds. Any comments on this assessment form needs to be in by the end of October or preferably before.

Within the watersheds there are 13 municipalities. Six towns are in the Black Creek watershed and 7 towns/villages reside in both. Only one assessment form is to be used when a town/village resides in both the Black Creek and Oatka Creek watershed. Even though a municipality may have had the Oatka Creek Watershed talk they should also be presented with the Black Creek presentation.

Re: Phase 2 regulations. Most of both watersheds are outside of the MS4 area, so construction site regulation is the important thing.

Whitney did analysis of comprehensive plans of all towns in Black Creek Watershed – it can be used as a template for Oatka Creek.

Monroe County is doing model ordinance for urban stormwater management.

G/FLRPC is doing non-urban model ordinance for stormwater management.

TASK 3: Assessment Steps

Coalition of the willing; home rule state

Robert Remillard says need to cross check with State of Basins to insure we don't miss something.

Whitney Autin: Would be valuable for BCWC & OCWC to go over and "tweak." Needs to be done ASAP, as deadline for this task is January. September meeting and October final comments and F/FLRPC by October at the latest.

TASK 4: Issue ID and Prioritization

Most of this is in the State of the Basin reports. Stressed stream analysis, get towns, stakeholders, etc. involved for this.

Get any questions and comments to Dave Zorn

Churchville

Bergen

- Rochelle did e-mail some of this. Send the URL's to the OCWC mailing lists; also get this out to BCWC.

Assessment form is at <http://www.gflrpc.org/LLPFLWQ/assessmentform.pdf> and Local Law review chart is at <http://www.gflrpc.org/LLPFLWQ/locallawschart.pdf>.

There was general discussion about ongoing problems...log jams downstream on Oatka, septic systems, sedimentation from roadway washing, etc. There will be a Countywide (Wyoming) soil erosion assessment project done on the OCWS by the DPW to indicate where there are serious problems.

Big erosion areas between the Village of Scottsville and Oatka Creek.

Logging around Mumford caused siltation in the Oatka Creek park.

Rochelle: Send summary of BC proposal to Pat Tindale

3. Next Meetings

BCWC: 9/23/04, 7:00 Chili Library rescheduled to **MONDAY September 27, 7:00 PM, Chili Town Hall**

OCWC: Monday, September 20, 7:00 PM, Village of LeRoy Hall.