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Black Creek Watershed Coalition

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Present: Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning and Development; Dorothy Borgus, Town of Chili; Joe Carr, Town of Chili; James Gamble, Town of Chili; Charlie Knauf, Monroe County Department of Health; Robert Remillard, USDA NRCS Lakes Plains RC&D; Roger Rouse, Town of Byron; Judy Spring, Town of Chili and Cornell Cooperative Extension – Monroe County; George Squires, Genesee County Soil and Water Conservation District; Jeffrey Van Skiver, Town of Bergen; and Bob Wilkins, Town of Chili and Monroe County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board.

Action items are underlined throughout the minutes.

1. Introductions, assignment of roles, questions about minutes.

Bob Wilkins managed, Dorothy Borgus kept time and Charlie Knauf scribed.

August 30, 2006 minutes: the link to Lake Plains RC&D website for the Black Creek watershed Map Guide is incorrect. Rochelle will e-mail it the group. Comments on the Guide can be e-mailed to Robert. Final minutes will be posted on the website.

Changes to agenda: #2, Black Creek in the Village of Churchville moved to next month. Lyle will bring the results of the joint Village-Town meeting on Churchville.

2. Grant updates

- An application was submitted to the Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Network and Fund for the Map Guide and the website. Robert wrote the application; Rochelle refined it after talking with the GLAHN staff the role of advocacy with the Guide and website. The specific request follows:

Map Guide Development & Printing (1000 Map Guides)	\$3,500.00
Professional Consultant Fees (Graphic Designer)	\$1,500.00
Website enhancement (Webmaster)	<u>\$500.00</u>
	\$5,500.00

- Although member items are out, there has been no news from G/FLRPC. Rochelle will check with Dave Zorn.
- Great Lakes Commission funded stabilization project on Chili Ave and Stottle Road in Chili. Joe and Caroline are working with Lu Engineers on the ACOE/DEC application. Joe said there should be more information at next meeting. Betsy Johnson, former Black Creek Watershed Coalition member, has been hired as a technician at the Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District. We look forward to seeing Betsy involved with the BCWC again!

A question came up about the nearby development. Joes said the subdivision has its own stormwater discharge management system, but there probably is some impact on Black Creek in heavy rainstorms.

An old bridge on a tributary to the creek is a major observation point in the vicinity.
Dorothy's grandfather built the bridge!

3. Map Guide

Robert explained how he and his staff created a spot within the Lake Plains website on which to collect and display information about the watershed. A link allows access to the area and ease of incorporation into a document. People may have difficulty reviewing the site if their web browser is low. There will be prints to review at the next meeting, too. If folks have ideas, narrative, access points, ANYTHING, contact Robert at **Robert.Remillard@ny.usda.gov**.

We can look at information from "streamside tips" from Erie County's brochure, maps others have done and Map Works base data.

Robert prepared a letter to Map Works to find out the cost, etc. of using their base material and building a Map Guide. Rochelle will mail copies to people on snail mail list.

4. Fundraiser

Robert prepared a draft letter from Bob Wilkins to potential donors in the watershed. The Lake Plains RC&D can act as an agent to accept funds the Coalition raises. He will see if donations are tax deductible.

Rochelle will print the current mailing list by the next meeting. Be sure banks, golf courses and businesses are included; be ready to finalize mailing list at the next meeting. The Town of Chili may be able to provide envelopes and postage.

Dorothy said using color makes a much better presentation. The Monroe County Dept. of Planning will provide color copies.

5. Display boards

Pat has a small one in her office; George has the large board and he will take it to the FL-LOWPA Fall Workshop on 10/20 at Silver Lake. George gave a small board to Churchville. Dorothy will get board from Pat and take it to a League of Women Voters event.

Rochelle will include the entire e-mail list on her next e-mail to the BCWC to facilitate everyone communicating with each other.

6. Black Creek Park wetland project update

Planting the herbaceous plugs is underway. Add a trip to the wetland to the agenda parking lot.

7. Plan next meeting (Monday, 10/30/06) and review action items

The following things should be on the next agenda: mailing, map guide, Lyle's presentation (and Heath's presentation.) The next meeting will be at the Village Hall in Churchville.