

Black Creek Watershed Coalition  
October Meeting Minutes  
Date of Meeting: Oct. 30, 2007  
Location: Chili Town Hall

Attendees: Larry VerWeire, Riga Resident; Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning & Development; Judy Spring, Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District; George Squires, Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District, Christine Sevilla, Map Guide Consultant, Joseph H. Carr, Town of Chili; Dorothy Borgus, Chili Resident.

Note: Robert Remillard has taken a position as an Environmental Planner with the Shasta National Forest in Redding, California. He will be missed.

5:35 p.m. begin meeting

### **1. Introductions**

Changes to September minutes: #5 should read "oversight/involvement." Larry will make changes and e-mail to Rochelle

Changes to this agenda – Add to "FL-LOWPA grant" to agenda as "#6 ½"

Action items from Larry:

- 1) Bergen Swamp is officially called a "National Natural Landmark."
- 2) Mini Creek: landowner wouldn't give permission for Larry to walk on property; he suggested walking on railroad bed. Charlie Knauf e-mailed Larry about the utility of sampling upstream and downstream of sewage treatment plant since false conclusions could be drawn if only sample below plant. George Squires suggested waiting till spring to monitor.

### **2. Map Guide – Christine Sevilla**

Considerations for Map Guide:

- Connection between Watershed Care pamphlet; BCWC website; planned newsletter; Map Guide; other brochure
- Text should be limited to enhancing points of interest on map.
- Design should include watershed information, history of points of interest, fishing, boat launch, parks, trails, canoe launch and resources.
- Sell what watershed is known for – PARKS. (very important)
- Possibly split map front & back.
- Categories: scenic vistas, points of interest, parks, landmarks and historic information.

Distribution Ideas:

- Town Clerks
- Libraries
- Bait & Tackle stores
- Sporting Goods stores
- Events

Places to put on Map:

- Sprucewood Nature Center (across street from Churchville Elementary School).
- Drew's Nature Center at Spencerport school
- High Banks View – beyond Sunnyside Lodge
- Trail along canal
- Stuart Road Bridge/Chili Mills Historic Landmark
- Chili Nature Trail
- Pfrengle Property
- West Shore Railroad Trail
- Greenway
- Genesee County Park
- Byron-Bergen – 3 town parks: Hickory Park,

Other considerations:

- Be careful about how private property areas are treated; eg. show products that mention the Bergen Swamp to the BSPS before publishing.
- Wyoming County – headwaters are in agricultural field, watershed contains abandoned farm and some wetland - no parks
- Perhaps key could have different colors for different things – County Park, Town Parks, etc.
- Contact Matt Sanderson at DEC for fishing spots and places where DEC stocks fish.

Next meeting – work on map entire time. “Synergistic brainstorming event.”

- Rochelle has large watershed map and will get a few more from G/FL.
- Rochelle bring GIS overlay for Monroe County.
- George will print out GIS parks map for meeting (and will get data layer to G/FLRPC)
- Rochelle – will contact Charlie and Pat Tindale to attend next meeting.

### 3. Website

Jennifer is working on website interactive map.

George has not received invoice from Carol. Rochelle will talk to her.

RC&D paid Genesee Gateway (GGW) for one year of web hosting from BCWC account (\$60). Rochelle will talk to GGW about paying for two more years now.

### 4. Watershed Planning Grant (EPF grant)

Rochelle spoke with Dave Zorn who said that NYS DOS is working on the scope for the grant.

The BCWC and the OCWC received a \$10,000 grant from the Rochester Area Community Foundation (RACF) to be used as matching funds for the EPF grant. The Town of Wheatland is administering the RACF grant (Wheatland is in both watersheds and is very supportive of the project.) Rochelle will be sure Linda Dobson (Wheatland Supervisor) sends Ed Doherty (RACF) the acceptance letter. Rochelle will draft a Thank You Note from Larry.

November 30 – Watershed Leadership Breakfast Meeting  
Supervisors/Mayors/Legislators, 8:00 AM, Wheatland Town Hall, 22 Main St.  
Rochelle will write up history of BCWC for meeting.  
Linda Dobson will send out invitation -- Rochelle will follow up with that.

Rochelle and George will work on the next Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA)

#### **5. Newsletter**

Judy is working on newsletter; she needs updated, current articles from us!

#### **6. Display Boards**

GCS&W – lg. display, sm. display  
Sue – RC&D – sm. display (George to check on)  
Lyle – Town of Riga – sm. display  
Need to update display boards  
Bring extra pieces – Dec. meeting?

#### **6 ½. FL-LOWPA grant**

2007 Special Project Grant: Grant application goes through county WOCCs.  
Monroe County could apply for money for more copies of map guides, more website hosting. Grant application due December 19. Rochelle tell Charlie Knauf, who staffs Monroe County WOCC, of the BCWC's interest in the grant and send him a write-up similar to the one she prepared for the RACF.

#### **7. Review Action Items and plan next meeting**

Monday, November 26, 2007, LeRoy Village Hall, 5:30 p.m. George will reserve meeting room. ***N.B. MEETING LOCATION HAS BEEN CHANGED TO CHILI TOWN HALL.***

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.  
Larry VerWeire Motioned  
Rochelle Bell Seconded