BLACK CREEK WATERSHED COALITION



Black Creek Watershed Coalition Meeting Minutes

Date: January 29, 2008

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Churchville Village Hall

Attendance: Jennifer Balonek, Rochelle Bell, Dorothy Borgus, Dan de Roos, Peggy Grayson, Chuck Rettig, Tom Ryther, Christine Sevilla, Judy Spring, George Squires, Pat Tindale, Larry VerWeire, Lyle Warren, William Wilcox

Introductions were made; Peggy Grayson of Stafford and Dan de Roos of Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation were welcomed to their first meeting.

Minutes of December 19, 2007, were approved.

Lake Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D)

RC&D administers an account on behalf of the BCWC. Robert Remillard, former RC&D Program Coordinator and BCWC member, handled the administration of the accounting. Since Robert taken a new job, it would now be best if we either transfer the account to another 501.3.c or spent the funds in 2008.

The group agreed the funds would be spent in 2008 more or less as follows (some money might be spent on updating the display boards or on watershed signs, instead):

- \$120 Two years of web hosting (Rochester Free Net)
- \$200 Support for watershed leadership meeting (scheduled for 2/29/08)
- \$800 Map Guide printing, mailing and consultant services
- \$208 Newsletter and brochure printing and mailing
- \$200 Website maintenance

\$1,528

Watershed Planning Grant:

Breakfast meeting with elected officials within the watershed is scheduled for Feb. 29. Dave Zorn of G/FLRPC will give a presentation of the proposed watershed management plan. Invitations have gone out, or will go out soon. After the RSVP date, <u>Dave and Rochelle (or others)</u> will call officials from each watershed who did not RSVP.

Website Interaction Map:

<u>Jennifer Balonek</u> plans to have a telephone conference with Carol Zollweg to gain a better understanding of technical matters related to the website.

Intermunicpal Agreement (IMA):

<u>George Squires</u> will contact the director of the Orleans county SWC to review the approval process employed for the previous IMA.

<u>Rochelle</u> will send a final draft of the IMA to George. Upon his approval she will begin the legislative approval process.

Newsletter:

Judy Spring has graciously volunteered to be the editor of the newsletter. Due date for submission of articles for the next edition is February 15. <u>Rochelle, George, Dorothy, Tom and Lyle</u> are writing articles.

Display Boards:

All but 1 board is accounted for. Question regarding existence and location of one small board. Large board will be brought by Judy to the February 29 meeting. <u>Pat will check Joe's office for it; Rochelle will check with Charlie.</u>

Finger Lakes –Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FL-LOWPA) Grants:

Current coordinator is leaving for a position with the Finger Lakes Land Trust. The Map Guide is funded by grant received by Genesee Co. SWCD on behalf of BCWC from FL-LOWPA. Currently, another grant proposal submitted to FL-LOWPA by Monroe County on behalf of the BCWC is under consideration. Grant funding announcement is expected by March 30.

Map Guide:

The spread sheet containing information for the map guide was reviewed and revised in depth. Christine Sevilla is working on the Map Guide and provided some valuable insight. <u>Rochelle</u> took detailed notes of the revisions which she will transmit to Christine and the membership.

<u>Peggy will check on amenities at Emery Park, Larry will check on amenities at Hickory Park; George will find</u> out about the fishing in Spring Creek; Pat will ask the school districts if their natures centers are open to the public; Pat will ask Bergen Swamp if the language Christine used in her book is ok to use on the Map Guide; Tom will see if Reed Road Preserve has public access; Rochelle will work with Christine and G/FLRPC.

Stream Bank Restoration Project Update:

Dan de Roos provided an update of the project. It has re-reviewed by the DEC and Lu Engineering and they hope to begin work on the project during the summer of 2008.

Meeting manager: Larry VerWeire Scribe: Lyle Warren Facilitator: Rochelle Bell