

## **Black Creek Watershed Coalition Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** October 30, 2008

**Location:** Wheatland Municipal Meeting Room

**Attendance:** Dorothy Borgus, Chuck Rettig, Bill Wilcox, Tom Ryther; Judy Spring; Larry VerWeire, Rochelle Bell

### **Action items are underlined.**

#### **Joint meeting with the Black Creek Watershed Coalition and the Oatka Creek**

Introductions: Rick VenVertloh, Chairman, OCWC, Bob Kelly, Felipe Oltremari, Genesee County Planning; William Gick, Bethany Resident; David Zorn and Brian Slack, Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council.

Presentation by David Zorn – Town of Wheatland has not received the executed contract from NYSDOS for the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) grant. It is impossible to say when it will come or how current economic problems will affect grant. David recapped presentation given last February for municipal leaders re: watershed planning process. Discussed amount of award (\$150,000 for both watersheds), amount of match required (\$150,000 in the form of in kind (\$75,000) and cash (\$75,000); these are combined contributions from both watershed groups). Discussed scope of watershed plan as prescribed in LWRP's watershed management Planning Process:

- Project Scoping (How we're going to do following steps)
- Project/Technical Advisory Committee (How will it be formed? Form it!)
- Community Outreach Plans (how we are going to get folks involved)
- Public Information Meetings (three required)
- Consultant Selection (no special process required for G/FLRPC)
- Characterization of the Waterbody and its Watershed (State of Basin Reports)
  - Watershed and Subwatersheds
  - Natural Resources and the Built Environment
  - Water Quality
- Regulatory and Programmatic Environment (done with Sediment Control and State of Basin reports)
- Implementation Strategies (e.g. drainage plans)
- Watershed Management Plans (list of recommendations)

Discussed debris management and All Hazard Mitigation Plan

#### **Black Creek Watershed Coalition meeting:**

Larry managed; Rochelle scribed; discussed additions to this agenda; reviewed, corrected and approved September 2008 minutes (approved with one correction).

Map Guide: expect it to be printed shortly after Thanksgiving. Everyone agreed it looks AWESOME!

Newsletter and watershed care brochures: Rochelle transferred two boxes of newsletters and brochures to Judy so they can be stored in and distributed from the watershed.

Display boards: Rochelle gave one to Judy; one is at the Town of Riga; one is at the Churchville-Chili HS; Lyle has the large display board.

Other:

- Larry read his drafts of letters of appreciation to the Town of Chili and the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District for their stream bank stabilization work. The letters were very well done and there was unanimous approval.
- Larry read his draft proclamation of appreciation to Christine Sevilla for her extraordinary work on the Map Guide. Again, the proclamation was very well written and there was unanimous and enthusiastic approval.
- Tom distributed, "Conservation corridors in the United States: Benefits and planning guidelines" and suggested we consider this information as we work on the Black Creek Watershed Management Plan. All agreed that a linear park is within the realm of possibility.
- Rochelle discussed the status of the wetland at Black Creek Park: the wetland scientist contracted to monitor the wetland says approximately four acres have clearly converted to wetland, another four acres are highly likely to succeed; and it will take time to assess the success of the remaining five acres.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 18. BCWC at 5:30; BCWC & OCWC at 6, Chili or Wheatland.