

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

**Date:** March 31, 2009

**Location:** Riga Town Hall

**Attendance:** Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning & Development; Jennifer Balonek, Town of Riga Conservation; Peggy Grayson, Town of Stafford; John Hovanesian, Lake Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council; Tom Ryther, Genesee Land Trust – Brookdale Pres.; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Judy Spring, Genesee County SWCD; Larry VerWeir, Riga resident; David Zorn, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council

### **Action Items Underlined**

1. Introductions were made. February minutes were accepted without change.
2. Map Guide Distribution – summary was handed out. Peggy, George, Jennifer and Judy had additions to list.
3. By Laws – George will email Oatka by laws to BCWC.
4. FL-LOWPA SPF grant: George and Rochelle discussed current status of grant. Rochelle and Dave discussed options for watershed planning given our groups readiness to proceed and the fact that we are still waiting for NYS DOS to sign the contract, and how this decision might impact the use of the FL-LOPWA grant. There was 100% consensus that we should ask for a one-year extension of the grant but that we should not ask for a change in scope: we may print materials, we still need to pay Christine, we still need to pay Carol and it is likely we will have a symposium in the next year.

Rochelle will send copy of watershed plan outline from 2006 to those present.

George will add watershed planning to the April agenda.

5. John Hovanesian, Program Coordinator, Lake Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council, introduced himself and the RC&D. The Lake Plains RC&D covers the counties of Erie, Niagara, Orleans, Genesee, Monroe and Wayne. The RC&D is a program of the USDA NRCS and its mission elements include land conservation, land erosion control, water conservation and community development. The main mission of the RC&D is to mobilize private and public resources toward projects of interest to the Council. There are 18 Council members including three representatives from each member county: a SWCD representative, a member of the legislative body and an at-large member.
6. Reminder: Cool Kids Eco Fest @ GCC on April 30

Lyell will bring large board to April meeting or get the board to George or Judy or Peggy so they can take it to the Eco Fest.

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 29, 2009, 5:30. Larry will check with Village of Churchville about a room. **Possible agenda items (from March):** Stream bank stabilization, Cherie Scudder from Bethany – George could bring Power Point.