

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

**Date:** January 28, 2010

**Location:** Chili Library

**Attendance:** Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning & Development; Judy Spring, Genesee County SWCD; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Tom Ryther, Genesee Land Trust; Pat Tindale, Town of Chili Conservation Board; and Tucker Kautz, Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District.

### **Action Items Underlined**

**Agenda and minutes:** December 2009 minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM):** Tucker Kautz described the AEM program in general and the work he is doing with farms in the Black Creek watershed. The MC SWCD (Soil & Water Conservation District) is working in the Black Creek watershed because it was identified in the NYS DEC 2004 Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters Requiring TMDLs development due to phosphorus loading from agriculture and municipal sources. The MC SWCD will follow the AEM Strategic Plan to identify and address agricultural sources of impacts to water quality concerns in the Black Creek Watershed. So far 71 Tier 1 worksheets are completed, 10 Tier 2 Assessments are completed and 4 Tier 3A Conservation Plans are complete.

Farms in the BCW in Monroe County have had trouble obtaining grant money to implement Conservation Plans that come out of AEM process since the surface water is not used for drinking water but the GLRI (Great Lakes Restoration Initiative) grant offers a new opportunity and SWCD is working with FL-LOWPA (Finger Lakes – Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance) to secure funding under this grant.

Tucker talked about the \$30,000 grant the MC SWCD got from the Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control for streambank restoration along Old Scottsville Chili Road in Chili. Project planning will take place in 2010 and restoration will occur in 2011. Rochelle will call Kelly to see if this project is on the Pfrengel property.

**Watershed Planning Update** – G/FL's (Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council) RFQ was finalized and widely distributed. The next Project Advisory Committee will be scheduled for some time after February 22, the deadline for responses to the RFQ.

G/FL got a contract extension from NYS DOS.

Oatka Creek Watershed Committee is going to focus on outreach to communities during the watershed planning process. The group agreed this would be a good idea for the BCWC, too. George will see if Rick can attend the next BCWC meeting to discuss a combined BCWC/OCWC meeting.

**Coalition by-laws** – George submitted a lot of information on the Clean Water Act to Lyle. George, Lyle and Rochelle will continue to work on the wording for the next draft.

**GLRI (Great Lakes Restoration Initiative)** DEC proposed doing a TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) for the upper Black Creek Watershed (Byron and south). George will e-mail the project proposal to Tom and Rochelle.

Steve Lewandowski, with LOCI (Lake Ontario Coastal Initiative) contacted Rochelle about doing a TMDL for the Black Creek Watershed (*n.b. excerpt of Steve's e-mail to Rochelle, "...the Lower Genesee, Middle Genesee, Lower Black Creek and minor tribs., Mill Creek and tribs., and Shipbuilders Creek and tribs...."*). Rochelle will invite Steve to next BCWC meeting.

**Next meeting** changed from Tuesday February 23, 2010 to Tuesday, March 2, 2010. George will check with Lyle about having the next meeting in Riga.