

Black Creek Watershed Coalition Meeting Minutes

Date: March 31, 2010

Location: Chili Town hall

Attendance: Dorothy Borgus, Town of Chili Comprehensive Plan Committee; Tyler Kruss, Student; Steve Lewandowski, Center for Environmental Information (CEI) Lake Ontario Coastal Initiative (LOCI); Dan Sch..., Student; Judy Spring, Genesee County SWCD; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Tom Ryther, Genesee Land Trust; and Lyle Warren, Village of Churchville Zoning Board of Appeals

Action Items Underlined

Agenda and minutes: February/March 2010 minutes were reviewed.

Watershed Planning Video:

George presented a video prepared by NYSDOS concerning watershed planning. (Of note: Dave Zorn of Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council was one of the speakers in the video).

TMDLs:

Steve Lewandowski, Lake Ontario Coastal Initiative (LOCI), gave an update of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) analysis/project for phosphorus in Black Creek. The project is fully funded, via Recovery Act money, and is moving forward using the AV-GWLF model (Arc View-Generalized Watershed Loading Function). They are also using the State of the Basin Report for land use information. They would like to collaborate with the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council to acquire additional land use information. George Squires volunteered to send Steve the information he has regarding cropland in the watershed.

Watershed Planning Update:

A selection committee has been formed from the Project Advisory Committee (PAC). Selection criterion will be developed from the method used to choose the State of the Basin (SOB) consultant. Further information to follow.

Coalition By-laws:

Tabled until April meeting.

Cool Kids Eco-Fest:

George Squires and Judy Spring will be at the BCWC display at Genesee Community College on Saturday, April 17. You're welcome to join them!

Participation by Municipalities:

Question was posed regarding if an initiative to increase participation by the various municipalities in the watershed was a positive idea. The consensus was that it would be positive and is something the coalition should pursue. There has been a fair level of participation over the years, but with the watershed management plans in process it would be advantageous to have increased participation from the municipalities.

Map Guides:

We need so sort out who has what.

Display Board:

Lyle needs the big board for Arbor Days (April 23-25). He will contact George about getting it from him.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 29, 2010.