

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

**Date:** April 29, 2010

**Location:** Churchville Village Hall

**Attendance:** Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning & Development; Dorothy Borgus, Town of Chili resident; Tucker Kautz, Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District; George Squires, Judy Spring and Elizabeth Bentley-Huber, Genesee County SWCD; Tom Ryther, Genesee Land Trust; and Lyle Warren, Village of Churchville Zoning Board of Appeals.

### **Action Items Underlined**

**Agenda and minutes:** March 2010 minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections. George will make corrections and send to Rochelle so she can have Carol post them to website.

**Presentation by Elizabeth Bentley-Huber on Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) in Genesee County:** Elizabeth's presentation was very interesting, a great opportunity to learn about farming in Genesee County and prompted a lot of good discussion.

**Watershed Planning Update:** Subconsultant interviews were conducted. Rochelle will check with Brian about the status of negotiating a contract with the selected applicant.

Tom summarized a report from Steve Lewandowski about the TMDL project.

\*The project is moving forward using the AV-GWLF model (Arc View-Generalized Watershed Loading Function) on Black Creek watershed.

\*Eleven sampling sites that catch the three segments of Black Creek as well as eight major tributaries have been selected.

\*Professor Donna Alder of Robert Wesleyan has been contacted about the chemical and biological monitoring that she and students were reported to be doing in Black Creek in 2003.

Tom will contact Donna Alder about this and see if she would come talk to the BCWC about the work she's been doing in the watershed.

Lyle will look for Community Water Watch data and give Charlie Knauf a call.

**By-laws:** Draft #3 was discussed. A few minor changes should be made and the final draft distributed. The next meeting will include approval of the by-laws.

**Watershed Symposium (based on meeting notes and notes from 4/14/10 meeting with Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council):** George and Rochelle met with Brian Slack and Dave Zorn to talk about the \$3,475 balance in the Monroe County FL-LOWPA grant for a BCWC/OCWC symposium and for brochures/newsletters. Ideas about the symposium are summarized here:

- The purpose of a symposium would be to reinvigorate volunteers, gather information and raise awareness about the BCWC, OCWC and the watershed planning effort.
- The symposium could have speakers and/or be charette style with facilitated break out groups to discuss WWTPs, agricultural runoff, recreation (fishing/boating), drainage, flooding.
- Fall would be good timing. Will probably hear about EQIP and GLRI grants by then. BCWC thought late September, 1<sup>st</sup> week Oct. at latest. April 14 meeting suggested November.
- Black Creek Park would be a good place to have the event, again.
- 5-8:30 would be a good time – eat dinner as people gather.
- We could publish a newsletter to announce the event.
- We should do a “save the date” as soon as the date, time and place are established.
- We don’t need to change the budget items in the FL-LOWPA grant, even if we want to publish more MapGuides for the symposium.
- The newsletter (with symposium announcement and registration form) and MapGuides could be distributed as watershed group members make the rounds to their respective town boards.
- Should the newsletter be a combined BC/OC effort? George will talk to OCWC.
- Articles in the newsletter might include:
  - Status of Brookdale Preserve (Tom)
  - Status of AEM in Monroe, Genesee and Wyoming Counties (Tucker and Elizabeth)
  - Watershed grant (Brian)
  - TMDL (Steve)
  - Bergen Swamp (George will contact Lee Blair)
  - EQIP
  - GLRI (DEC)
  - Biomass (?) (Ontario Lake Plains Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC&D))
  - Streambank restoration in Chili (Stottle Rd. and Humphry Rd.) (Tucker) (Larry has good pix of Stottle Rd. project).
  - Churchville (?) (Lyle)

George will talk to Charlie to be sure we’re all set with the extension of the contract with FL-LOWPA.

George will send Tom a list of the municipalities in the watershed so Tom can start to id folks to talk to the town boards.

**Next meeting: Monday, May 24, 2010. George will talk to OCWC about having a joint meeting and then look into a location for the meeting.**