

Black Creek Watershed Coalition Meeting Minutes

Date: August 30, 2010

Location: Genesee County Park and Forest

Attendance: Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning & Development; Dorothy Borgus, Town of Chili Comp. Plan 2030 Committee; Ray Cipriano, Town of Bethany Planning Board; Peggy Grayson, Town of Stafford and GLOW; Stephen Lewandowski, LOCI & CEI; Brian Ostling, Town of Chili, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works; Chuck Rettig, Town of Chili resident; Tom Ryther, Genesee Land Trust; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Larry VerWeire, Town of Riga resident;

Action Items Underlined

1. July 22, 2010, minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. Watershed Planning Update. Brian will be scheduling the next project advisory group meeting this week. On August 5, a teleconference was held with representatives from G/FL, NYSDOS, EcoLogic, BCWC and OCWC. The teleconference covered the scope of work for EcoLogic. Note: the contract extension for G/FL has NOT been approved (contrary to last month's meeting minutes); it's up in someone's office waiting for signature. EcoLogic has started working on the watershed characterization of the watershed. Two staff from EcoLogic intend to be at the Symposium. **Rochelle will check with Brian to see if EcoLogic would like to join him in the presentation and/or have a display about the work they've done thus far.**
3. Map Guide inventory: four cases in Chili; less than full case at GCSWCD; less than full case at Nature Center; Tom has full case; there are approximately 720 maps. The watershed care brochure and the BC Watershed fact card were discussed. It was decided to put all of the money toward the MapGuides.
4. TMDL. There is no numerical standard for phosphorus. Just look for algae blooms and sliminess. Phosphorus concentration was very high (240 ppb) in Black Creek at SR 5; two miles downstream the measurement dropped to 84 ppb; the reduction is probably due to dilution and a relative absence of phosphorus inputs along that stretch. Possible sources of P upstream from SR 5 were discussed.

Do we have a stretch of the creek we want sampled? Chuck suggested near the mouth of the creek. Steve has done that.

Steve is getting ready to run the model. He has incorporated golf courses and CAFO's. **Steve will call George to get the phone number of farmers he needs to talk to.**

5. Watershed Symposium. D and R Depot (www.dandrdepot.com) in LeRoy was suggested as a caterer. Rochelle will tell Louise.

Color copies of the flyer were distributed. **Members to distribute copies to libraries, town halls. Peggy volunteered to deliver to Towns of LeRoy (and Village), Bethany and Stafford as well as LeRoy and Batavia libraries. Rochelle will ask Carol to post on website and email to Rick and other and ask them to distribute and/or include in their newsletters.**

The draft brochure was discussed and more improvements were made. We are still waiting on a few details (who will present Bergen Swamp and will EcoLogic present with G/FL?) before the brochure can be finalized. Then what? Mail? How many? By whom? Use both BCWC and OCWC databases? **George and Rochelle will discuss.**

Everyone was given a draft Town Board Outreach talk. Details were discussed and corrected. George showed the Powerpoint presentation OCWC uses in their Town Board outreach -- it was excellent. The BCWC decided to stick with a verbal presentation and to pass out MapGuides and flyers and brochures at the talk. BCWC will reach out to boards that overlap with Oatka Creek, even if OCWC has already talked to them. These talks might come after the symposium. **Rochelle and George will fine tune and add affirming things and then distribute via email. Tom will get with George and**

contact everyone who might make a presentation; Tom will present to towns where no one from that town volunteers to do so.

Publicity: Brittany Baker at the Batavia Daily News was at the LeRoy Board meeting and heard the OCWC presentation. She is interested in the watersheds and the planning process. **George will talk to her. Dorothy will talk to the Suburban news – North, and the Gates-Chili Post.** If anyone contacts cable TV, please note that Community channels have a separate address. Other methods of publicizing the symposium were addressed above.

6. Mill Seat Landfill Open House. George and Larry manned the table and had a lot of traffic – they gave away many MapGuides.
7. Green Infrastructure. G/FL received funding from DEC's appropriations from the ARRA to conduct stormwater green infrastructure and low impact development planning and feasibility studies in selected municipalities at no cost to the municipality. Black Creek Watershed communities are eligible to apply; the Town of Chili and the Village of Churchville would be good candidates. **Rochelle will forward the information to Brian Ostling in Chili and Lyle Warren and Nancy Steedman in Churchville.**
8. Website. \$60 is due for website hosting. **Rochelle will ask Louise if the FL-LOWPA grant can pay for this year and next.**
9. Next meeting. Wednesday, September 29, Village of Bergen. **George will ask Tim to secure a meeting place.**