

**Black Creek Watershed Coalition**  
**Meeting Minutes: February 28, 2012**  
**Village of Churchville Offices**

**Action items are underlined.**

**ATTENDANCE:** George Squires (Genesee County SWCD), Peter Lent (member at large), Pat Tindale (Chili Conservation Board), Peggy Grayson (Town of Stafford, GLOW), Roberta Ames (Village of Churchville Planning Board), Lyle Warren (Churchville ZBA), Chuck Rettig (Chili resident), Dorothy Borgus (Chili resident), Rochelle Bell (Monroe County Planning), Tom Ryther (Genesee Land Trust, Brookdale Preserve), Larry VerWeire (Riga resident), Tucker Kautz (Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District), Fran Reese (Barton & Loguidice, Ogden resident) and Ryan Loysen, Monroe County Parks.

**MINUTES OF January 26, 2012:** Minutes were accepted with no corrections.

**PICK UP THE PARKS (PUTP):** Ryan Loysen is looking for a site host for a PUTP event at Churchville Park on Saturday, April 28th, from 9am-noon followed by a "Thank You" Picnic (including e-scrap recycling and an Eco-Fair) from 1-3pm at Genesee Valley Park. The BCWC could have a display table at one or both places. PUTP partners include: Cascades Recovery, Sunnking Electronics Recycling, Water Education Collaborative, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sierra Club Rochester Regional Group, Geo-Roc Geocaching Club, Genesee Regional Off-road Cycling, Genesee Valley Chapter Adirondack Mountain Club, SUNY Brockport, Rochester Cares, Girl Scouts of Western NY, Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District, Rochester Surf Club, Kickball League of Rochester, Seneca Park Zoo Society, Center for Environmental Information, International Coastal Cleanup, Alliance for the Great Lakes, Keep Western New York Beautiful, Cool Rochester, Penfield Green Initiative, Green Irene, and the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services.

At the end of the meeting Larry VerWeire volunteered to be the site host and many others chimed in that they would help if their schedules permitted. **Larry will contact Ryan Loysen about being a site host. Everyone else should spread the word and advertise the event. Contact Ryan Loysen at 753-7281 or rloysen@monroecounty.gov for help in reaching out to your local contacts.**

**WATERSHED PLANNING PROGRESS/PUBLIC MEETING REPORT:** The public meeting was held at on February 7, 2012, at the Town of Byron Fire Hall (on Route 262). Nineteen people were in attendance, ten from the BCWC. Interesting comments came from the audience:

- *The watershed plan should address hydrofracking.* The BCWC consensus is that there is strong interest in exploring how the watershed plan should address fracking. **PAC members should bring this up to G/FL at the March 29 PAC meeting.**
- *The Oak Orchard watershed group is interested in collaborating with the BCWC.*
- *Development of the Triple Divide Trail may offer opportunities for the BCW.* Information at "Triple Divide Greenway and Trail System" ([www.geneseeriverwilds.org/wp/?page\\_id=417](http://www.geneseeriverwilds.org/wp/?page_id=417)) in the watershed plan. Given the mutually beneficial goals of trail planning and riparian corridor protection, linking Black Creek (and Oatka Creek) watershed trails to the Genesee, Susquehanna and Allegheny Greenway systems could be beneficial.
- There is particular interest in having the watershed plan really evaluate each municipality's riparian corridor because this is an area local municipal governments can have an impact on.

They are not controlled at the state or federal level. **PAC members should bring this up to G/FL at the March 29 PAC meeting.**

- *Water quality testing around the Mill Seat landfill should be conducted and reported.*

**BIO-MONITORING IN UPPER BLACK CREEK WATERSHED:** DEC (Albany) is planning on doing some accelerated bio-monitoring on Upper Black Creek and along with Cornell attempting to incorporate that data into the SWAT model to develop a method for TMDL justification. George met with Steve Pacenka and a graduate student from Cornell, Brian Duffy and Steve Gladding from DEC-Albany to look at 15 potential biomonitoring sites in the upper Genesee Basin. They will be looking for macroinvertebrates and diatoms in riffles. Some water chemistry parameters (DO, TDS) may be assessed.

**BANNER:** The group would like a logo followed by the words “Black Creek Watershed Coalition” in black letters, initial upper case. **Pat will ask her friend if she could design a logo before she has her baby. Lyle will talk to someone at Genesee Community College about having students design a logo. Larry will talk to someone at Churchville-Chili High School about having students design a logo.**

Different banner styles were discussed. It should be 2’ x 6’. It could be cloth and hang over a table. Or it could have a sleeve at the top to put a PVC pipe through – add holes and a few bungee cords for a very versatile banner.

**MAP GUIDE INVENTORY:** GCSWCD has 200 maps; Chili and Churchville have no maps left; Dorothy has 10 maps; Genesee County Park has >75 maps. **Tom Ryther has some and will e-mail Rochelle with the number. Tom Hryvniak has some and will e-mail Rochelle with the number. Rochelle will email George with MONROE LITHO’s estimate of how much it would cost to reprint 2000 copies.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** George prepared a list of upcoming events that was e-mailed to the group before the meeting. Note that Churchville is not having an Arbor Day Festival this year, that the Village of Bergen Park Day and the ADK Outdoor Expo are on the same day and that there is a new event to add: 2012 Lake Ontario Basin Forum on March 28.

Wednesday, March 28, 2012:	Lake Ontario Basin Forum
Saturday, April 14th, 2012:	Cool Kids! EcoFest!!!!
Saturday, April 28, 2012:	Pick Up The Parks
Saturday, June 9, 2012:	Village of Bergen Park Day <b>AND</b> 15th Annual ADK Outdoor Expo
Date?	Chili Fest
Thursday, July 26, 2012:	Millseat Landfill Open House
Saturday, July 28, 2012:	Byron Heritage Festival
August 18 and 19, 2012:	Churchville County Fair

**EPA 9-POINTWATERSHED PLANNING vs. DOS WATERSHED PLANNING:** George looked at outlines for the EPA and the NYS DOS watershed plans and concluded that they are pretty close. Two areas that might not overlap perfectly have to do with public outreach and load calculations. **PAC members should bring this up to G/FL at the March 29 PAC meeting.**

**CHURCHVILLE-CHILI TRAIL:** Lyle and Pat reported on progress with the Black Creek Trail Feasibility Study. Minutes from the steering committee's last meeting, a timeline and a workplan were distributed. Maps associated with the project are on display at the Churchville Village hall. **Everyone was instructed to review the handout and get comments or questions to Lyle or Pat.**

**NEXT BCWC MEETING:** The next BCWC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2012. **George will make arrangements to have the meeting in Byron or Bergen.**