

BLACK CREEK WATERSHED COALITION
Meeting Notes: October 25, 2012
Town of Chili

Action items are underlined.

Attendance: George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Peggy Grayson, Town of Stafford, GLOW; Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Planning; Roberta (Birdie) Ames, Village of Churchville Planning Board; Pat Tindale, Chili Conservation Board; Larry VerWeire, Riga resident; Brian Ostling, Town of Chili; George Thomas, Center for Environmental Initiatives.

Roles: Meeting manager & Timekeeper = Larry VerWeire; Scribe = Rochelle Bell

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Map guide printing – funding plans, possible changes

- Peggy wrote a letter to Suzanne Dunn at Wegmans. Larry signed it.
- How many Map Guides do we have left? There are 119 at Genesee Co. SWCD. George brought 40 for Birdie to take back to Churchville.
- Minor changes to the map can be made before the next printing (follow up with Tom Kicior at G/FL, George T., Brian O. or GCC).

Everyone: review the Map Guide for necessary changes or possible additions.

One possible addition includes a note pointing the direction and distance to the Erie Canal. We should consider adding points of interest per the state's emphasis on economic development and the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council priorities, including "wine, culinary, agricultural or food microprocessors."

- L.L.Bean – Fran and Rochelle worked on the application and it is close to complete. We will look for an 501c3 applicant (CEI?) when and if we decide to submit.
- The Erie Canalway Heritage Fund might be a source of funding for us (next application round ends 10/2013). Chili is a Erie Canalway Heritage municipality. The Erie Canal is a short 2-3 mile paddle down the Genesee River from Black Creek.

Small card: revisions to the small card were discussed. **George S. will bring a revised version to the next meeting.**

Watershed Planning: Rochelle distributed draft assessments prepared by Tom Kicior. Focus (your magnifying lens!) on the blank cells and make sure they should, in fact, be blank. The assessments will be posted to the G/FL website.

Dave expects subwatershed prioritization in Nov. or Dec. George T. asked if G/FL is using the SWAT model for the middle section and if they are looking at CEI's work on the upper and lower reaches. It is thought that G/FL is including CEI's work and SUNY Brockport graduate student Melissa Winslow's SWAT

model work in the analysis. There will be a chance for the PAC (Project Advisory Group) and the BCWC to comment on this part of the report.

Genesee County Erosion & Sediment Control Project: Pictures from Boldt Farms in Byron were viewed. The erosion control project described at the June meeting of the BCWC appears to be successful. The project was funded by the state and federal governments and the landowner. The neighbor said he is grateful that there is much less sediment in his ditch now. Boldt farms will do strip cropping instead of row cropping in the future, too; strip cropping causes less erosion than row cropping.

Upper Black Creek Watershed Monitoring Progress: (Brian Duffy's report) The monitoring portion of the project wrapped up smoothly on September 20th with macroinvertebrate sampling and habitat assessment. John McCool was able to sweet talk the antagonistic farmer and chemistry sampling was good all summer. Despite the low water levels and even no flow conditions during a week or two during the summer it looks like we managed to collect decent data. That may remain to be seen as it will be a few months at least until we see the macroinvert data. Currently it is being processed by a contract lab. We are preliminarily looking at the water chem that we have and starting to look at the field and habitat data from the macroinvert sampling.

Sierra Club canoe and kayak trip: On October 14 a group of folks paddled upstream from Churchville Park. George will bring pictures next time.

Pick Up the Parks – Parks and volunteers start meeting in November. We have three Monroe County parks in the watershed: Black Creek, Oatka Creek and Churchville. Larry will lead the Churchville Park cleanup, and we *think* Dorothy is interested in Black Creek Park and Peter is interested in Oatka Creek Park.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 27. Village of Bergen? George will check.

Parking Lot:

- Churchville-Chili Trail
- Chili Zoning Code
- IMA expires 12/31/13
- Update list of municipal representatives in early 2013