

WV Tributary Strategy Stakeholder Meeting

Martinsburg Minutes May 7, 2003

The Martinsburg Stakeholders meeting convened at 10 am on May 7, 2003. Twila Carr welcomed the group and introduced Jennifer Pauer as this meeting's facilitator. Jennifer explained the role of the Facilitator as a guide through the meetings process. A sign in sheet was passed around and each stakeholder introduced him or herself. Several Chesapeake Bay handouts were given out.

Members present:

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Dick Latterell	Jeff. Co. Watersheds	876-6072	dflatterell@earthlink.net
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Scott Tsukuda	Freshwater Institute	876-2815	sitsukuda@freshwaterinstitute.org
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Carlton Haywood	I.C.P.R.B.	(301)-984-1908	chaywood@icprb.org

Communications

It was agreed that Twila would provide agendas and the minutes from both stakeholders groups to all stakeholders from the 8 counties by email and mail. The Freshwater Institute volunteered to develop a web site information page and discussion group

The group immediately decided that accurate data was needed for the stakeholders group to continue. They requested BMP information from each county and information on how the Chesapeake Bay program was defining the Nutrient and Sediment load reductions. Comparison data from other Potomac River states to WV'S existing amounts of Bay pollution and its reduction amounts was requested.

Bay Model

Carlton Haywood explained the Bay model and how it is calibrated with existing water quality data. Due to lack of accurate water quality data conservation best management practices are credited in the Bay model to reduce progress goals. *Accurate tracking of practices are the key to the modeling reduction of pollutants.* The group decided they needed more information from the Bay-modeling group to define how the modeling

process works and it's accuracy compared to actual water quality data. Answers were also needed on how the water quality data and the Bay model were calibrated and whether the model took into account flooding and how it affected the 1985 baseline. Hunter Wilson needed more info on the TMDL process and how the DEP will determine the comparison stream. Jennifer gave Hunter the DEP water Quality office telephone number for additional information. (**304-558-2837 or 1-800 556-8181**)

Missing Players

Missing players were discussed. Among the future stakeholder list were people from the Department of Highways, Forestry, Dept. of Natural resources, NRCS, additional watershed members, Environmental enforcement, Health Depts. Planning commissions and Shepherd College. This list of potential members was contacted and either did not respond or had conflicts with their schedules. Roger Boyer suggested the Opequon Watershed group from VA. be included. *Abby Chapel said she would contact them.*

Roger Boyer said it was important for members and new members to know the consequences from not participating in the Chesapeake Bay Program, (Future regulations and possibility a financial penalty)?

Additional questions to be answered by presenters at the June meeting:

- #1. What are the WV standards on Nitrogen, Phosphorous, and Sediment?
- #2. Does other states have standards on the above?
- #3. Who has the BMP data since 1985?
- #4. Can the 1985 data be credited for WV in the Bay Model, or is the current bay data the only BMP data to be credited
- #5. Does every county report the BMP information the same way?
- #6. What BMP'S can we use for the construction industry?
NPDES permits and? (Andy Weeks will be contacted form DEP)
- #7. Does the planning commissions have records on storm water construction now and in the past?

Existing BMP's

The group wants data collection on construction practices with the # of acres and projected development. Twila, Steve and Abby will work on those numbers with the planning commissions and the Cities. Abby Chapel suggested the future identified problems be placed in 3 areas, Rural/agriculture, urban and land development) She also recommended we add SAVs. to the outline.

Twila will work with Clifton Browning on the number of septic systems that are no longer in existence due to connection to public sewer.

June Agenda

The June meeting will be held at the USGS Office on Edwin Miller Blvd. The meetings will be held in Martinsburg on the 1st **Wed. of every month**. The next meeting date will be **June 4, 2003 at 9:00 AM**

Draft June agenda :

- 9:00 Introductions
- 9:15 Chesapeake Bay Model (CBP developer)
- 10:00 Questions
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Progress on BMP collection
 - Missing data
 - Communication follow-up
 - Identify problems
- Noon Adjourn

Time line and document outline are applicable at this time however combining the document with players from both groups may be needed in October.

Minutes and meeting place and future June agenda will be sent out as developed

Action items

- 1. Minutes and correspondence** Twila
- 2. Contacting Bay Program for Modeling info speaker** Carlton Haywood, ICPRB
- 3. Providing a web site and discussion area for group** Scott Tsukuda , Freshwater I.
- 4. Contact DOH, Forestry, DNR, NRCS, Watershed groups, DEP enforcement, Health Depts. Planning Commissions and Shepherd College** Twila
- 5. Contact the Opequon Watershed group** Abby Chapel
- 6. Data collection on construction practices with the # of acres and projected development.** Twila , Steve Aberegg & Abby
- 7. Data collection on the number of public sewer connections replacing septic systems** Clifton Browning
- 8. Contact Andy Weeks for county NPDS permits** Twila
- 9. Example of Trib. Strategy Document** Twila
(<http://www.dcr.state.va.us/sw/jrtrob.htm>)
- 10. Acronym list (attached)** Twila

