

**Sleepy Creek Project Team Meeting
May 19, 2005**

Hot Issues with in Sleepy Creek Watershed:

- Change in Morgan County Ordinance
- 3 Tributaries have agriculture runoff (nitrogen and sediment)
- Packing Plant
- Stream bank erosion
- Storm runoff on roadsides
- Proper timber harvest-80% is forested and only 19% is being managed.
- Storm water management
- Sediment and Erosion

Existing Projects

- 1998-2001 installed BMP's –NRCS -EQIP
- 2004-Watershed Assessment- an overview of land use ex. Agriculture, Commercial, and water quality.
- 2005-Stream bank survey (Lower – Potomac River to Smiths Crossroads)
- Summer of 2005- Mussel Survey
- Revise the Comprehensive plan, the project team should have a liaison to discuss needed change in county.

Where Opportunities are with in Sleepy Creek Watershed:

- Expand existing projects from Farm Bill
 - Riparian buffers
 - CREP-Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
 - WRP- Wetland Reserve Program
 - EQIP- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- WV Division of Forestry- Forest Enhancement Programs
- US Wildlife and Fisheries- Landowners incentive program (stream bank stabilization)
- Maybe a Demonstration on Storm water Management
- Need a stream gage to monitor flow over the years and see how the trend is. Possibly making a makeshift gauge on bridge overpasses.
- Planning Commission would like to understand what the levels of BMP's (Best Management Practices) mean and what they are

Things to Think about:

- **What's the message and who is the audience?**
- **Morgan county fair 1st week in August**
- **Identifying Homeowners Associations and Homeowner Builders**

Education Committee: Have to get together and a planning session

Barbie Elliott	Jared Bartley (advisor)
Jerry Muckel	Tim Seims
Dalip Sarin	Barbara Tutor
Bob Knight, Ag Extension (maybe use his column)	

DID NOT DECIDE WHEN NEXT MEETING WILL BE???