

**WV Tributary Strategy Stakeholder Group
January 2004
Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday 7th
Martinsburg USDA Office**

Attendees:

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| 1. Steve Aberegg | WVCA | saberegg@wvca.us |
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Urban Survey Update:

The surveys have been completed for each of the eight counties.
The PSD information has been included in the county surveys.

Municipalities:

Twila is working on Charlestown, Ranson, Martinsburg, Romney and Cacapon Bridge
Charlestown and Ranson need to be looked at because there is a great deal of annexation
going on in those towns.

Action Items: To be completed prior to February meetings

1. Create a table with counties and municipalities including answers to the survey questions.
 - a. Intern or someone will develop the table and enter data – **Michael and Jen**
 - b. Mail surveys to municipalities that were not questioned – **Roger**
 - c. Follow up on unanswered surveys and serve as contact – **Steve**
 - d. Jim will talk with his boss about getting ICPRP assistance with Potomac work void due to Twila's move - **Jim**
2. Conclude from spreadsheet what missing BMP data need to be collected by July – **Committee**
3. Set up Urban Sub Committee meeting to fill in spreadsheet blanks to begin development of implementation plan – **Michael**
4. Contact Andy Weeks and Twila about serving on Urban Committee – **Jen**

5. Research implementation costs – Michael, CBP, and Committee

Urban Sub Committee Members:

Michael Schwartz – Chair

Steve Aberegg, WV Conservation Agency

Emily Clifton, Friends of the Potomac

Andy Weaks, WV DEP Permitting

Les Shoemaker, Hampshire County Commission

Elwood Williams, Grant County Development

Twila Carr, WVDEP Groundwater

Implementation Plan Development:

Michael has developed the format for determining implementation needs and supplied the stakeholders with a spreadsheet:

The spreadsheet lists each BMP, county, and the acres or systems needed to meet the 2010 cap loads (planning will be done on county segments).

Michael will distribute the 2002 cap load data into county segments and then break that information down into land uses.

Michael will take the 2010 cap load allocations subtract our current loads and calculate the reductions per county segments. - February

The county segment reductions will be broken down into BMP implementation and the stakeholders will need to make decisions on how we will meet the reductions with the most feasible BMPs. - March

There is going to be a need for experts on developing the costs – CBP will have some and the committee members will have some input.

A decision will need to be made on how we will distribute loads relative to current land uses.

There are not many BMPs designed to reduce sediment loads, so we will need to work on sediment reduction practices.

Action Items:

Development of an implementation timeline – Michael, Neil, Teresa, Jen, Matt, Carla (Jan15th)

Develop a press release and plans to distribute document for public comment: Jen

Timeline plans – February

Draft document – April

Notes for public comment:

Include website: WVNET.ORG as site to see document and minutes on the process

Add to WV DEP's InDEPth

Have copies available at local field offices

Agriculture Sub Committee Update:

There was discussion on concerns about implementation plans included in the document, these concerns need to be included in the document.

The group began discussion of the best BMP's to implement.

BMP maintenance costs need to be addressed in the document.

Stakeholders need to be able to see and understand the water quality data on WV tributaries.

Sub Committee meeting needs to be better organized.

BMP Collection Plan:

WVDA, WVCA, and NRCS are meeting today to discuss receiving credit for BMPs prior to 2000. A plan needs to be developed for past data collection and for moving forward on future BMP collection.

2003 BMP data deadline was March 1st, but was changed to July 1st. This data will be credit toward our cap loads, so we will want to report is as accurately as possible.

We need to establish an agency contact for BMP collection- WVCA?
That person needs to distribute CBP's BMP spreadsheet and guidelines for reporting BMPs to stakeholders.

Stakeholder Tools:

Anyone interested in Bay documents and tools to help understand the process should access: chesapeakebay.net/tribtool.htm

To be included in Bay information e-mails contact: Kelly Shenk at shk.kelly@epamail.epa.gov

All meeting minutes and documents are posted at WVNET.org

February Agenda Items:

- Timeline
- Press release status
- Urban Sub Committee update
- Agriculture Sub Committee update
- Implementation plan update
- BMP collection update
 - Who?
 - Spreadsheet needed by CBP
 - Guidelines for stakeholder reporting

Next Meeting: February 4th, Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Martinsburg USDA Office

Thursday, January 8th
Moorefield Field Office

Attendees:

1. Christina Richmond	WVCA	crichmond@ag.state.wv.us
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Agriculture Sub Committee Report:

Meeting minutes will be sent to the committee and attached to the January meeting minutes.

The group began discussion of the most acceptable BMPs.

We are not willing to put down specific numbers in the document due to the inaccuracy of the model numbers.

We need proof of the model numbers.

List of prerequisites in the document was developed:

- Credit for the BMPs we have implemented
- Accuracy of the BMP efficiencies
- Not comfortable with committing to numbers that will come back to haunt us

We are willing to put numbers in the document if the programs become 100% cost share.

The agriculture sub committee will work with data for the entire watershed.

The sub committee needs to investigate Power Project data to develop a way to use excess poultry litter.

Sub committee will create rough draft of document to present to the entire stakeholder group.

Update from Agriculture Commissioner:

Commissioner Douglass did participate in the CBP signing of the cap loads and stated that WV stakeholders did not agree with the model numbers and will work to improve the accuracy of the BMP data and model projections.

BMP Collection Update:

NRCS, WVCA, WVDA, and WVU are committed to backing up to 1985 to report accurate BMP data to submit to the CBP.

Ken Haid and Carla Hardy will be the point of contact for the BMP collection.

NRCS will work with WVU Extension to help identify soil types to go into the model to improve accuracy.

We will work to revise phytase credits.

New BMP data is due to the Bay Program in July 2004. We will do our best to meet this deadline, but will probably not have complete data so the model run will be inaccurate.

The tributary strategy is a working document and the numbers will change as data collection is improved. – We will work over the next six years toward meeting goals and receiving BMP credits and developing reasonable/ acceptable BMPs.

Moving target efficiencies are hard to work with.

How will we get credit for built up litter? Christy Richmond, WVDA is on the CBP Agriculture sub committee and that group is working on this issue.

DNR Participation Update:

Jennifer reported the request to Curtis Taylor, Wildlife Resources Chief, to participate in the TSSG. DNR stated they did not have an individual with enough expertise in all the areas the CBP covers to send a representative to participate in the process.

DNR stated they would respond to written request of the TSSG.

Deer and geese nutrient contribution is the question. Nobody has this data.

What is the impact of deer on riparian area?

The group decided to write a letter to Curtis Taylor requesting the following:

- The wildlife population and the land holding capacity of the Potomac watershed
- How does DNR calculate deer population
- Is DNR willing to accept responsibility of excess wildlife population
- Will DNR participate in the process

Action Items: to be completed by February meetings

Gretchen and Christy will draft the letter on stakeholder letterhead to Curtis Taylor. Jennifer will coordinate a request from the three partner agencies to get DNR to participate in the process.

Urban Sub Committee Update:

July 1st not March first is the deadline for reporting 2003 BMP data to the Bay Program.

Twila will serve on the committee to gather Health Department data.

Bob Amtower, DOH will serve on the committee to address:

- Miles of gravel, dirt and paved roads
- Amount of replacement each year – this is hard to come up with
- Sediment- there is a national study out there on the dust and sediment of dirt roads calculated by vehicle usage. Bob will send to Michael
- Water quantity is addressed through construction through a runoff coefficient done before, during, and after construction
- Water quantity is monitored by DEP's Environmental Enforcement

The committee needs to address stormwater runoff through county ordinances.

Implementation Plan Update:

Michael gave the same report as noted in the Martinsburg minutes.

The group agreed to note the stakeholder concerns in the document.

Document Update:

Editing Committee will continue to work with Neil.

- Roger Boyer
- Jim Cummins
- Carol Bowden – USGS
- Karen Sykes has volunteered USFS to do final editing if requested

Stakeholder Tools:

Delivery load is the amount of pollutants delivered to the Bay.

This is what the Bay Program uses in the model – the model calculates the drop out of nutrients and sediment prior to the water reaching the Bay.

WV's delivery load is around 70%.

Agenda Items:

Agenda will be the same as Martinsburg with the addition of the DNR report.

Next Meeting:

February 5th

Thursday

9:00 a.m.

Moorefield Field Office