

# Delaware Water Resources Regional Committee Meeting

February 9, 2006  
Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission  
190 N. Independence Mall West, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia, PA  
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## **DRAFT** Meeting Summary

### **Attendance**

#### Committee members in attendance:

Carol R. Collier

John Coscia

Jeff Featherstone

Hon. Kate Harper

Helen Haun

Desiree Henning-Dudley

John Hoekstra

Darryl Jenkins

Leonard Johnson

Irvil Kear

George Kunkel – alt. for Howard Neukrug

Mike Meloy

Arthur Needham

Barbara Smith

Michael Stokes

Maya van Rossum

Robert Wendelgass

#### Committee members not in attendance:

Allen Fidler

Julie Lynn Gallisdorfer

Gary Kribbs

Preston Luitweiler

Howard Neukrug

#### Others in attendance:

Sarah Whitney – SeaGrant

Patti Elkis – DVRPC

Cynthia Unangst – Bucks Co Plnng

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Bill Gast - DEP

Lori Mohr - DEP

Leslie Sarvis – DEP

### **DVRPC Overview**

Patti Elkis, DVRPC Environmental Planning Manager, presented an overview of DVRPC's environmental projects in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Projects included monitoring open space trends, maintaining regional land use and open space plans, special studies unique to DVRPC, and coastal zone projects.

### **Administrative Items**

The Draft November Meeting Summary was approved with one correction: Page 4, second full paragraph, Carol Unangst should be changed to Cynthia Unangst.

Motion made by: John Coscia

Motion Second: Len Johnson

Motion was carried.

There was discussion about upcoming budget funding for the State Water Plan. Rep. Harper expressed concern that there was only one paragraph in the “budget book” about the Plan, and no line item for funding. The committee would like to know before the budget is passed if there will be money for completion of the Plan. Carol said that she will find out at the next Statewide Committee meeting if there will be assurances that there is sufficient funding for the Plan.

The Committee briefly discussed the Plan Template and assigned Committee member leads to some of the tasks to assist DEP staff:

Task #3 – May van Rossum

Task #4, Bullet 1 – John Coscia and Jeff Featherstone

Task #4, Bullet 2 – Barbara Smith

Task #4, Bullet 3 – George Kunkel and Preston Luitweiler

Task #6 – Michael Meloy, Rep. Harper, Bob Wendelgass

### **Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

### **Work Session on Draft Introduction Document**

The Committee formulated comments on the Draft Introduction Document that was circulated by the Policy & Integration Subcommittee. Keeping the comments at a higher, general level, the committee made observations that focused on the organization and direction of the Introduction Document. Carol said she would finalize the document and email it to the Committee before sending it to the P&I Subcommittee by March 9.

### **Follow-Up / Next Steps / Adjourn**

Bob Wendelgass gave an update on the CWPA Subcommittee and the Technical Guidance Document. The Comment and Response Document is being finalized. Once completed, both documents will be published as final. Also, the Subcommittee has begun drafting the guidelines for writing a Critical Area Resource Plan (CARP) and hopes to have a draft completed by spring. The Committee requested a CWPA update and a USGS Budget Tool presentation at the May meeting.

John Coscia announced that he will be retiring from DVRPC, so Mike Stokes and Michael Meloy volunteered to replace John as the designees on the Policy & Integration Subcommittee. A motion was made that the Committee recommend to Howard Neukrug (the Statewide Committee representative) that Mike and Michael replace John Coscia as designees to the Policy & Integration Subcommittee.

Motion made by: John Coscia

Motion second: Rep. Kate Harper

Motion was carried.

The next meeting is May 11, 2005 at the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission in Allentown. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.