

DELAWARE WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL
COMMITTEE MEETING

November 8, 2007
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
DEP
Southeast Regional Office
2 E Main Street
Norristown, PA 19401

DRAFT Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee members in attendance:

Carol R. Collier	Barbara Smith
Jeff Featherstone	Pete Snyder
Allen Fidler	Michael Stokes
Hon. Kate Harper	Maya van Rossum
Helen Haun	Robert Wendelgass
Desiree Henning-Dudley	John Woodling
John Hoekstra	
M. Irvil Kear	
Gary M. B. Kribbs	
Preston Luitweiler	
Michael Meloy	
Arthur Needham	
Paula Conolly – alt. for Howard Neukrug	

Committee members not in attendance:

Julie Lyn Gallisdorfer
Darryl Jenkins
Arthur Needham
Robert Wendelgass

Others in attendance:

Michelle Clark – DEP- SERO
Bharat Bham – DEP – NERO/BDO
Bill Manner – DEP Northeast Region
Curtis Schreffler – U.S. Geological Survey - PA Water Science Center
Alexis Melusky - MCPC
Lori Mohr – DEP Harrisburg
David Jostenksi – DEP Harrisburg
Sarah Whitney – PA Sea Grant
Andy Zemba – DEP Harrisburg
John Hines – DEP Harrisburg
Dennis Livrone – Bucks County Planning Commission

Others in attendance: (cont'd)

Ken Najjar – Delaware River Basin Commission

David Sayers – Delaware River Basin Commission

Jennifer Adkins – Partnership for the Delaware Estuary

Introductions

Carol Collier opened the meeting and introductions were made.

Administrative Items

- **Finalize Draft August Meeting Summary:**

Minutes from the last meeting were approved with no changes.

- **DEP Summary of Activities:**

Policy and Integration Subcommittee of the Statewide Committee

Lori Mohr described the work of the P&I Subcommittee. Policy recommendations are currently being developed by the subcommittee and will be sent to the Statewide committee for consideration in the Spring. These recommendations include a policy statement from the regional committee, which is based on the top two priorities identified previously by the regional committee.

Water Conservation Subcommittee of the Statewide Committee

Lori Mohr provided an update on the work of the Water Conservation Subcommittee, which is working to define the role of the Water Conservation Technical Assistance Center. Four questions the subcommittee are considering include:

1. What is the mission statement?
2. Where should the TAC be housed?
3. Who are the partners in the TAC?
4. How much funding is necessary?
 - A. Start-up budget
 - B. Ongoing funding source

Water Budget Screening Tool Results Analysis

Dave Jostenski provided information on the water budget screening tool results. A technical subcommittee was formed to take a detailed look at the screening tool results and report back to the full regional committee with a recommendation for the top five watersheds to be passed on to the Statewide committee for further investigation. The technical subcommittee will work with Dave Jostenski over the next few months and will update the full regional committee on their work at the February meeting.

UWAC – Upper Wissahickon Advisory Committee – Ken Najjar:

The Wissahickon watershed was chosen for study as a Special Area Management Plan (SAMP). SAMP criteria coincide with the criteria for development of a Critical Area Resource Plan (CARP), so it will provide the committee with “lessons learned” in the development of future CARPs. It

was a good example for the pilot because a lot of data already exists in this watershed. The watershed was broken up into four water management areas to be more site specific on sub-basins. A draft report is being prepared by DRBC staff, and it will be shared with the public after the next Task Force meeting.

Land Protection Collaborative Team:

A power point presentation was given by Jen Adkins. She is the new executive director of the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, Inc. She highlighted that the Schuylkill is a major part of the estuary area and is entirely in PA. They developed the statistical model entitled Schuylkill Action Network: A Collaborative Approach. The goal is to improve the water resources of the Schuylkill River. The following are some of the features of the model that she presented:

- To achieve the goal of improving the water resources of the Schuylkill River, they have set up a network with workgroups and support/outreach teams.
- They are working on agricultural BMPs, focusing on priority farms, as well as stormwater BMPs – stream restoration and education/demonstration.
- The real focus of the model is to integrate the habitat values with the source water values
- Areas of friction in the Schuylkill Watershed were presented on a map. A total of 6,300 acres (about 10%) is shown to be where future development is likely to happen in high priority resource areas.
- Some uses of the model:
 - Updating county and municipal open space plans.
 - Justification for funding of acquisitions and easements.
 - Supporting environmental protection ordinances.
 - Various data sets of the model can be layered onto each other to get varied information.
- Some next steps are:
 - Developing and distributing brochures.
 - Creating a website and giving more presentations.
 - Case studies/pilot for local outreach.

For more information, Jen Adkins can be contacted at (302)655-4990 ext 112.

Follow-up/Next Steps – Next meeting is February 8, 2008.

2:30PM: MEETING ADJOURNED