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Great Lakes Water Resources Regional Committee
April 13, 2004

Erie County Conservation District
Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee members in attendance:

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| Nick Mobilia, Chair | Donna Mindek |
| Bill Gough, Vice-Chair | Jerry Rice |
| Lori Boughton | Todd Sampsell |
| Janet Anderson | Nancy Slater |
| Mike Donahue (Conference call) | John Torok (representing Potter Co) |
| Tom Fuhrman | Matt Wolford |
| George Greig | David Wright |
| Craig Kern | Gary Young |
| Jesse R. Koon | |

Committee members not present:

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| Richard Brine | Randy Meabon |
| Scott Evans | David Mulvihill |
| Brian Hill | Ken Stockert |
| Edward Kosa | |

DEP Representatives:

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| Stuart Gansell | John Green |
| Bill Gast | Dave Jostenski |
| Lori Mohr | Jim Nagy |

Facilitators:

Mark Gorman

Others in Attendance:

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| Dave Skellie | LeRoy Gross |
| Autumn Kelley | Terry H. Martin |
| Jim Gukes | |

Administrative Items

Chairperson, Nick Mobilia, began the meeting by introducing John Torok, a representative of Potter County who will be sitting in on meetings while member, Edward Kosa, is unable to attend due to medical reasons. John is a Potter County Commissioner, and he has agreed to find a meeting location in Potter County for the August meeting.

Minutes: A motion was made by George Greig and seconded by Dave Wright to accept the minutes from the February meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Stu Gansell announced that the Statewide Committee members have all been appointed, and a tentative date of May 10 is set for the first meeting.

Dave Jostenski showed several maps as examples of GIS information that the Department is currently pulling together as part of the State Water Plan. Included were views of water withdrawals over top of geology and land use, the water quality attainment status and digital elevation models. This information will be posted on the secure Regional Committee page.

Dave Jostenski provided an update on the Act 220 registration process. Registration information will be used to develop an inventory of water use data. A water budgeting model will utilize the water use registration information to assess the availability of water and identify critical areas. All public water supply agencies, hydropower facilities and all users exceeding an average rate of 10,000 gallons per day in a 30-day period must register. Approximately 2,600 sources have registered as of April 2004. DEP expects to have approximately 15,000 sources registered when complete.

Lori Mohr proposed that an ad hoc outreach workgroup be formed consisting of individuals from each regional committee, the statewide committee, and DEP staff. If all regional committees are in agreement, the workgroup will meet to develop an outreach strategy and framework that is consistent among all of the regional committees. Committee members interested in serving on this ad hoc outreach/public participation workgroup should volunteer by submitting their name to Lori Mohr. Tom Fuhrman and Nancy Slater volunteered to serve on the workgroup. Members will be contacted about a meeting of the large ad hoc workgroup, which DEP staff hope to set up in late May.

Erie Conservation District Watershed Specialist

Sarah Galloway provided the committee with an overview of activities going on in the Lake Erie watershed that the Conservation District is involved with. Sarah also provided an overview of the Conservation District's property, "Headwater's Park."

Planning Activities in Cattaraugus County, New York

Dr. Terry Martin presented an overview of the innovative planning concepts developed for the Cattaraugus County comprehensive plan and a watershed planning proposal submitted to the Lake Erie LaMP program. Cattaraugus County received the 2002 New York State Governor's Award for Excellence in Quality Communities for its exceptional planning work.

Timeline/Flowchart of State Water Plan

Dave Jostenski provided committee members with a timeline of DEP activities that will take place between 2004 and 2008. Dave reviewed the role of the Regional Committee and included a timeline of target completion dates for Committee tasks. Handouts were provided detailing these activities and tasks.

June Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2004, at the Erie Conservation District.