

Ohio Water Resources Committee Meeting
August 20, 2007
10:00 am to 1:45 pm
Cranberry Township Municipal Building

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Committee Members in Attendance

Dan Barton	Jan Oliver
Scott Blauvelt	Bob Ritchey
Mitchell Brouman	Ron Rohall
Terry Dayton	Jerry Schulte
Jerry Feldman	Deb Simko
Jeff Fliss	Bob Softcheck
Jeff Foley	Roger Uhazie
Dan Ireland	John Walliser

Committee Members Not in Attendance

Shirl Barnhart	Curtis Kaelin
Don Bluedorn	Richard Lehman
Marie Clark	Chuck Stowe
Dan Gracenin	

Others in Attendance

Lori Mohr – DEP
Andy Zemba – DEP
Dave Jostenski – DEP
Kathy Krommes – Greenhorne & O'Mara
Pat Devlin – Land Logics
Joe West – Beaver County Planning Commission

Introductions

Ron Rohall called the meeting to order and called for introductions at 9:00 am.

Southwestern Pennsylvania Water Management Task Force

Ty Gourley gave an overview of the work of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Water Management Task Force. Ty shared results from surveys conducted during public forums held in the 11 counties in the study area. Recommending integrated regional water resource planning. Overlap exists between information being collected by the Task Force and the work of this regional committee. We should try to make some connections and support our efforts as we move forward through these processes.

Regional Water Atlas Overview and Workgroup Sessions

Lori Mohr introduced the atlas consultants and talked about submitting comments on this regional draft. Please submit comments within two weeks of this meeting to the following email address: **epstatewaterplan.state.pa.us**.

Kathy Krommes gave an overview of the atlas format and she talked about the development of this first draft. Pat Devlin explained some GIS basics and she described how the maps for the atlas were developed. Kathy described an overview of the statewide section of the atlas and the reasons why some sections were placed in the statewide section rather than the individual regional sections. The committee worked in breakout groups to provide some initial comments on the regional sections of the atlas. DEP staff will discuss ways to address these comments with the consultants and will report back to the committee with a Comment/Response document at the November 5th meeting.

Administrative Items

Mitchell Brouman made a motion to approve May meeting notes and Jerry Feldman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Lori Mohr gave an update on DEP activities:

The Statewide Committee will be meeting on Sept 20, the P & I subcommittee will be meeting on Sept 5, and the CWPA subcommittee will meet on Aug 28.

The public meetings & hearings to review the State Water Plan and State Water Atlas will be postponed until Spring 2008.

Screening Tool Analysis

Dave Jostenski presented information that has been analyzed for the water budget screening tool. Dave also reported that there were many lessons learned from the watersheds that were scrutinized using the water budget tool. More information on the screenings will be provided at the November meeting.

Laurel Hill Creek Growing Greener Project Update

Deb Simko gave a brief update on the Laurel Hill Creek growing greener project. USGS took initial samples of surface water in June and they took samples of wells and springs through July and August. The land use portion of this grant, which includes meetings with municipalities, will begin soon. The summary of results from summer samplings should be available at the November regional committee meeting.

Follow-up/Next Steps – Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in February. The date and location are TBA.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:20 pm.