

**Watershed Management Area 3
Public Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

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Attendees: John Spiech, Township of Mahwah; Susan Gyarmati, Ringwood Resident; Peter Wepler, NJDWSC; Jeremiah Bergstrom, TRC Omni; Ella Filippone, PRC; Janet Carroll, NJDEP; Kathy Skafidas, Skylands CLEAN; Matthew D'Allesardo, HEP Soil Conservation District; Ray Zabihach, Morris Cty Planning BD; Herm Drenth, EJTU; Barbara Kushner Pequanock River Coalition; Ross Kushner, Pequanock River Coalition; Rich Malizia, EJTU; George Holzapfel, Wayne Township; Larry Pollex, Pompton Lakes; Bernie Stapleton, West Milford Env Com; Mark Newell, Ramapo College; Donna Milligan, NJDEP; Harold Reed, Borough of Ramsey; Tom Fowler, Foster Wheeler Env; Bernie Vroom, Bloomingdale Council; Ron Farr, NJDWSC; Pat Mancuso, NJDWSC; Steve Wendowski, Wanaque Borough; Bill Murphy, TBSA; John Capozucca, Bloomingdale Env Com; Geoff Welch, Ramapo River Committee; Betsy Stagg; Tom Thompson, Sierra Club; Bob Szuszkowski, West Milford Council; Rob Sparkes, West Milford Planning Dept; Mark Pitchell, Ringwood State Park

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

The minutes were approved as distributed. One person was left of the list of attendees.

Committee Reports:

E & O Committee: Drenth Reported that the Passaic River Conference will be held on April 10th at Silas Condict Park in Kinnelon. Bill Matususki, will be the keynote speaker, "Watershed Management-Making it Real for People". DEP commissioner Bradley Campbell has been invited. The committee has received 500 buttons from Bergen County Soil District. Communities will be contacted with a goal of putting them on June 1st. April 6th and 7th will be WMA 3 Clean up weekend. Ramapo River Conference will be April 26th. Coffee will be at 9:30 AM and the conference will run from 10AM-4PM. It will focus on Geology and the USGS report, Ramapo fault, cultural reports and drought reports.

Open Space: Hall reported that the committee continued to work on the mapping. Maps with ranking scores will be produced next. It will also be accumulating environmental ordinances. The meeting time has been moved to 5 PM.

TAC: Mancuso reported that the de-icing brochure has been completed and submitted to NJDEP. Kushner reported that the committee reviewed maps of wellhead protection area maps. Filippone noted that the Passaic River Groundwater Protection Committee is working on a wellhead protection model ordinance. Information has been collected from other states and will be attorney reviewed. DEP is now in the process of reviewing the ordinance. Kushner mentioned that wellhead protection covers municipal well but it does not discuss residential wells. Filippone noted that Long Hill Township and the Passaic River Coalition are working on a project to map private wells in the municipality. Kushner mentioned the Technical Approaches to Restoring the Passaic River Basin paper. He would like to have a DEP representative discuss how the state compiles the 303d list and how the samples were collected and validated. It would be a topic for the March TAC Meeting. The PAC will send a letter to the DEP asking for more information on the criteria. It seems that the criteria to de-list a parameter should be more stringent than the criteria to add a parameter to the list.

NJDEP Update: There has been an extension on the watershed awards nomination from January 12th to February 1st. Mulligan has been maintaining a notebook of the process in WMA 3 if anyone would like to review it she will have it at the WMA 3 PAC and TAC meetings.

Storm Drain Presentation:

Wendowski brought in a storm drain and distributed some information from Campbell Foundry. The drain itself is labeled "Dump No Water Drains to River" with a fish on each end. The City of Hackensack is currently using them. They can be customized and they are on state contract. It was discussed that the PAC should pass a resolution that if state funds are being used then these drains should be required. Wendowski will draft the resolution and after PAC, approval will be sent to WMA's 4 and 6. There was also distributed a debris catch basin information. This technology is more costly and would not be able to be installed on every drain but on problem areas. Gyarmati motions that we work on a resolution. Holzapfel and Spiech second the proposal. It is approved by consensus to proceed. Holzapfel also discussed new storm drain devices that have been recently placed in one lake community in town. He will present the effectiveness and costs to the TAC in a couple of months.

Next Meeting:

NJDWSC's consultants, Killam Associates (with subcontractors Najarian Associates and Ecosystem Consulting Service) will give a presentation on its contracted tasks (continuing the GIS task, initiating the root cause, environmental and alternate analysis).

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Discussion on the 319 (h) Grant Awards within the WMA 3, if available from NJDEP.

Discussion on the process of Impairment Listing and Delisting from NJDEP Staff.

Future Presentations:

TRC Omni-HEP SCD – Process of identifying Basin Sampling Procedures – Will update the TAC, then the PAC.

Skafidas stated that West Milford residents against the “Extreme Habitat” ATV Park Proposal wanted to speak to the PAC on the subject. Speich responded that the Developer should get “equal time” to respond to comments. Ringwood State Park has jurisdiction and eventually will have a public meeting on the issue. Mancuso stated the as a PAC, our charge is Watershed Management Planning issues (as it relates to “clean and plentiful water”) only. The PAC decided not to have the presentation at this time.

Filapone suggest the NJDEP Team who testified at the NY Torne Valley Power Plant hearings come in and speak to the PAC to aid in a discussion on NY/NJ State Interaction on Water Supply concerns.

Welch displayed a “Save Torne Valley” Poster and discussed how the existing timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*) habitat may stop any power plant development due to threatened and endangered species issues.

During the May PAC, Welch will present an update on the results of the Ramapo River Conference.

PAC asked if Senator McNamara is still scheduled to speak to the PAC on the Newark Watershed legislation. Mancuso responded that he spoke the Senator and that legislation is no longer on the Legislative Docket/Calendar.

Members should look at www.njdrought.org for updated drought information.

COAH Development Legislation (Republican Bill) - Will it negatively affect Water Resources? PAC decided that it not appropriate to discuss at this time.

NJDEP announced that the Clean Water Act Seminar to be held on Saturday, January 26, 2002 has been cancelled.

Finance Committee: Barbara Kushner asked when the next meeting is scheduled – February 21, 2002, 1:00PM at Bergen County Health Department Offices. She requested that the next meeting be scheduled in the evening, so that other people may attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Handouts:

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Agenda

Campbell Foundry Information on Storm Drain Options (2)

CDS Water Pollution