

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

**March 26, 2002  
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**Attendees:** Rob Sparkes, West Milford Planning Dept; Mark Newell, Ramapo College; John Spiech, Mahwah Township; Stu Ostrow, Mahwah Health Dept; Richard Meany, West Milford Env Com; Harold Reed, Boro of Ramsey; George Holzapfel, Wayne Township; Donna Milligan, NJDEP; Jen Bernstock, NJWAP; Bill Murphy, TBSA; Peter Weppler, NJDWSC; Stephanie Pilenyi, Oakland Resident; Janet Carroll, NJDEP; John Mulligan, GLWMD; Susan Gyarmati, Ringwood Resident; Kathy Baker-Skafidas, Skylands CLEAN; Rich Malizia, EJTU; Herm Drenth, EJTU; Jeremiah Bergstrom, TRC Omni; Bernie Stapleton, West Milford Env Com; Tom Thompson, Sierra Club; Jim Hall, PIPC; Ron Farr, NJDWSC; Bill O'Hearn, Passaic River Coalition; Pat Mancuso, Basin Coordinator; Ross Kushner, Pequannock River Coalition; Barbara Kushner, Pequannock River Coalition; Stan Stephansen, Resident; Ray Zabihach, Morristown Planning Board; Sandy Lawson, Wanaque REACH; Steven Wendowski, Wanaque Boro; Dan Repella, HEP-SCD

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

**Water Quality Endpoints - Locations and Goals (Form B):**

Holzapfel introduced and discussed the purpose of the Water Quality Endpoint (a water quality goal [what we want to achieve] at a specific location). Each municipality and county in WMAs 3, 4 and 6 has been requested to assist in the identification of water resources of concern for which water quality goals should be established by completing the Water Quality Endpoints - Locations and Goals (Form B) by Friday, April 5, 2002. The locations of some such resources are obvious, such as at water supply intakes and reservoirs. Less obvious and perhaps only locally recognized would be some recreational lakes, a cold water or warm water species stream, or a unique habitat area.

For this purpose:

- A. The water quality goal must be quantifiable and measurable (e.g temperature, concentration of parameter).
- B. The location must be identifiable (e.g. a point in a river, a reach of waterway, a lake).
- C. The water resource may be considered important for ecosystem health, recreation, water supply or dilution purposes, or other water resources needs.

**Pequannock River Coalition Watershed Management Group Application:**

Kushner briefed the group on his proposed application. The Pequannock River Coalition wants to monitor flows and temperature from or adjacent to point source discharge point locations; measure stormwater runoff within subwatersheds in areas with no impervious surface, intermediate impervious and high levels of intermediate surface. The application was approved by consensus.

**Last month's meeting minutes were approved by consensus.**

**Committee Reports:**

*Education and Outreach:* Drenth announced the WMA 3 River Clean-up Weekend April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 sites throughout the WMA and Mahwah's Clean-Up Day.

- Drenth requested and was approved by consensus for \$400 (not to exceed) to co-sponsor for the 8<sup>th</sup> Ramapo River Watershed Conference. The program will be held on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> at Ramapo College in Mahwah beginning at 8:30 AM. The funds would be used to purchase breakfast at the event.
- Drenth requested and was approved by consensus for \$600 (not to exceed) for the WMA 3 River Clean-up Weekend (gloves, bags, snacks)
- Drenth requested and was approved by consensus for \$400 (not to exceed) for the Tree Planting at Shepard Lake to be held on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Next E&O Meeting will be on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 5:00PM (new date and time)

*TAC Update:* Kushner reported that the TAC continued its ongoing discussion on groundwater concerns (wells and monitoring of the static water levels). There was a presentation concerning TBSA treatment plant process and potential denitrification process. There was not a TMDL meeting to update on and Fred Spitz will give a presentation on the "Interaction between the Ramapo and Mahwah Rivers and the Valley-fill Aquifer".

*Coordinating Committee:* Baker Skafidas announced the WMA 3 River Clean-up Weekend April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. There would also be a tree planting at Ringwood State Park for Arbor Day. Each event will be advertised in the newspapers and newsletters. The Passaic River Conference will be held in Silas Condict County Park in Kinnelon on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

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*Open Space:* Hall provided an updated of mapping activity and described the process the for assigning points for each of the criteria. A map showing the composite score using the Rastor Method (using Arc View Spatial Analyst). Data was obtained from State and Federal sources and was assigned a scoring for each criterion. The high priority areas are typically along stream banks. Kushner asked if lakes on Watershed Land were considered a water source? Hall responded Yes. Kushner asked if unnamed tributaries to trout streams were included? Hall responded the NJDEP data was used. Kushner asked what is the resolution? Hall responded each pixel is represents a 75' x 75' square (approximately a 1/4 acre). The data layers ultimately will be available on the PRWMP Website to the public.

*NJDEP Report:* Clean Water Act Update – June 15, 2002 at the Trailside Nature Center – Union County. No updates on the 319h grant process. Last years funding recommendations from the Non-point Source Committee has been sent tot he Commissioners Office for final approval.

*Basin Coordinator:*

- The De-icing Committee may reconvene in the future to get the Alternate De-Icing Materials on the NJ State Bid List.
- Visioning Process - Natural Resource Options, Inc will provide services as a facilitator to guide the development of a vision process for WMA 3. The “visioning process” for the WMA is part of a 4-year effort to produce a watershed management plan for the Passaic River Basin. For WMA 3, a two-session “visioning conference” has been proposed for Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00PM – 9:00PM and will replace May 27<sup>th</sup>s PAC Meeting. Everyone agreed by consensus.

**Other:**

Kushner gave a brief presentation on the “Clean Water Act – An Owner’s Manual” by the Rivernetnetwork.org. They cost \$25 but can buy them for \$20. Kushner proposed buying some for the PAC. This will be discussed at the next PAC meeting.

*Stormdrain Resolution:* Skafidas stated that the resolution will be distributed to the WMA 4 and 6 PAC’ and municipalities if the resolution is approved at today’s PAC meeting. Wendowski read the draft resolution. The PAC approved it by consensus. Speich stated that Mahwah has passed a similar ordinance recently.

*7:00 PM - April 11,2002 @ Sunset Valley Golf Course in Pompton Plain:* Information on the Greenway along the Ramapo corridor into Morris County.

Wendowski spoke of a letter initiated by Sen. Martin to the NJ Governor concerning the drought with regards to simplifying the dredging, desilting, and desnagging of streams. Letter will be referred to the TAC.

Potake Lake – PRC has a 6-page letter. O’Hearn will distribute to the committee.

**Future Presentations:**

Protecting Rockland County’s Streams Video – Geoff Welch  
319 (h) Project Update – Jeremiah Bergstrom, TRC Omni  
Request for visits to the other WMA’s

**Remember to bring fill out your completed survey form for you concerns in WMA 3.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

**Handouts:**

Agenda  
March Minutes  
Survey form  
Arbor Day Tree Planting Flyer  
Passaic River Basin Conference Flyer  
River Clean-up Weekend Flyer