

**Watershed Management Area 4  
Public Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**November 8, 2001  
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**Attendees:** Peter Weppler, NJDWSC; Pat Mancuso, NJDWSC; George Nestory, Elmwood Park; Wade Souders, Little Falls, Ted Vandervliet, NBCUA; Rob Genetelli, NBCUA; John Meyer, NBCUA; Richard Pardi, William Paterson Univ; Veronica Hurst, PVSC; Thess Prince, Wattessing Heights Neighborhood Assoc; Frank Moritz, Ridgewood Water; Mark Newell, Ramapo College; Pat Rector, NJDEP; John Zuzcek, NJDEP; Don Hirsh, NJDEP; David Baker, NJEWA; Cristin Conrad, NJ Community Water Watch; Laurie Virostek, NJ Community Water Watch; George Holzapfel, Wayne Township; Tom Thompson, Sierra Club; Joan Coan, League of Women Voters; Ellie Gruber, League of Women Voters; Peter Terlow, Passaic River Coalition; Bill Brooks, Builders Association of New Jersey; Marty Etlar, Deputy Mayor – Fair Lawn

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

The October minutes were accepted and distributed.

**Committee Reports:**

*Education and Outreach:* New Co-Chairs Conrad and Virostek reported that Hurst gave a presentation on the Passaic Valley Sewage Commission's Wastewater Management and Clean-up program. Articles for the next newsletter were finalized. Action items include planning for the next WMA 4 Bus Tour (possibly concentrating on streambank improvement sites); a combined WMA 4 and 5 outdoor activity at Dunderhook Park, Paramus; school outreach, incorporating the PRC Watershed Map into the local school curriculum; the creation of tool kits (including de-icing information); and initiating a survey to municipal leaders within WMA 4 to define their knowledge base. The next meeting is December 10, 2001.

*Open Space:* Weppler reported that the committee viewed draft working maps prepared by PIPC/PRC. Rector discussed a seminar on "Fundraising for Land Trusts" given by the Land Trust Alliance and presentation she had seen on Open Space Planning for Urban Areas (with Edison and Rahway as good examples). A letter will be prepared asking each municipality for all available Open Space Information. Next meeting will be on November 20, 2001 at 2:30PM at the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority (NBCUA), in Waldwick.

*Technical Advisory Committee:* New Co-Chairs Genetelli and Meyer reported that Hurst gave a presentation on the Passaic Valley Sewage Commission's Toxic Sampling Program. The group discussed ideas for future presentations. Those suggested: Power of GIS for Utilities, Passaic Valley Water Commission and Elizabethtown Water Company and a presentation on groundwater by Frank Moritz, Ridgewood Water Company. Handouts on de-icing were distributed. Mancuso mentioned that representatives from the WMA 3, 4 and 6 TACs will meet to discuss alternative de-icing methods and materials in the future. Next meeting will be on November 29, 2001 at 8:30AM at the NBCUA.

**DEP Update:** Rector provided hands-outs on the Watershed Management Groups (WMG):

1. Watershed Management Groups - Grant Information Cover Letter, October 17, 2001
2. Guidance Regarding Formal Recognition of Watershed Management Groups, October 2001
3. Guidelines for Obtaining Watershed Management Grants, October 2001
4. Water Quality Management Planning Rules Subchapter 9 – "Watershed Management Grants" - Adopted, August 6, 2001
5. <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/watershedmg/rules.htm>

The NJDEP has 45 days to respond to request of a group asking for WMG Status. The WMG will be eligible for the NJ Corporate Business Tax (CBT) Funding (\$500K Statewide per the November 5, 2001 NJ Register with no specific distribution allocation). Rector stated that PAC may request funding but it is intended for small groups and small projects. Hurst inquired if the PAC can apply. Rector responded that the PAC is not automatically considered and is intended to be the primary advisory body to the Department with regard to the development of watershed management plans, but is not intended to be funding recipients. PAC's may apply to the Department for formal recognition as a watershed management group but this is not encouraged by the Department.

**List Server:** Pardi created an e-mail list serve for WMA 4 and provided a handout with directions. The list serve address, available via the web is [WMA\\_4@list.wpunj.edu](mailto:WMA_4@list.wpunj.edu). Rector highlighted that this is the only WMA that possesses a list serve and gave "kudos" to Pardi.

**Visioning Process:** Mancuso discussed a potential alternative to the visioning process. WMA 6 is refining its goals and objectives. If they are adopted, they will be provided (via the next agenda mailing) to WMA 4 for review and discussion.

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**Other:** Hurst inquired about the status of distributing the Sub-Committee Mission Statements. Mancuso responded that all Sub-Committee Mission Statements will be distributed at the next PAC meeting and can be posted at **The Passaic River Basin Watershed Management Website** when it becomes available.

Vandervliet asked the PAC if the meeting locations are acceptable, Fair Lawn Municipal Building, the Clifton Library and specifically the NBCUA in Waldwick. The consensus of the PAC was that the present meeting places were fine and that they met the various committees' needs. There being no differing views the consensus was to continue the various meetings at the present locations.

**Election Interim (Until March 2002) Officers:** By way of general committee vote a Chair and two Vice-Chairs were elected at this meeting.

Chair

Moritz – 8 votes Moritz wins; **Interim Chair**  
Hurst – 5 votes

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair

Hurst – 11 votes Hurst wins; **Interim 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair**  
Genetelli – 1 vote  
Newel – 1 vote

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair

Newel – 8 votes Newel wins; **Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair**  
Genetelli – 7 votes

**Future Presentations/Speakers:**

- Standing Committee Presentations – i.e. PIPC/PRC Draft Working GIS Map Presentation
- Panel Discussion consisting members in the GIS Mapping/Data Field (PIPC, Bergen County Planning, NJDEP/Enforcement-Parsippany
- Army Corps of Engineers
- NJDEP – Future of CSO's in WMA 4
- Major Water Purveyor – Presentation of the Prevention of Terrorism on the Public Water Supply System.

*Meeting ended 7:50PM.*

**Handouts:**

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**Action Items:**

Contact Potential Presenters  
Utilize List Server