

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

**December 13, 2001  
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**Attendees:** Pat Mancuso, Basin Coordinator; Laurie Virostek and Cristin Conrad, NJCWW; Veronica Hurst, PVSC; George Nestory, Elmwood Park; David Baker, NJWEA; Frank Moritz, Ridgewood Water; Jack Meyer, NBCUA; George Holzapfel, Wayne Township; Pat Rector, NJDEP; Ellie Gruber, LWV Ridgewood; Ron Farr and Peter Wepler, NJDWSC; Thess Prince, WHNA; Jon Carlson, Americorps; John Hroncich, United Water; Susan Golz; Tom Thompson, Sierra Club; Sue Ahearn, Resident; Don Hirsch, NJDEP; Marty Etlar, Deputy Mayor of Fair Lawn; Mike Sebetich and Richard Pardi, William Paterson Univ; Peter Kortright, Bergen County Planning Department; Matt Ahearn, Resident

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

The November minutes were approved with one spelling correction.

**Committee Reports:**

*Education and Outreach:* Virostek reported that tool-kits will be put together at the next meeting. There will be a draft letter to the editors for local newspapers created. The E&O Committee is looking for PAC's approval to send our meeting dates and times to waterwire.net an environmental and water related listserv. The PAC agrees by consensus to do so. The next meeting will be held on January 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:45-8:30 PM at Clifton Public Library.

*Open Space:* The committee viewed a GIS map which showed parcels of open space in this heavily developed watershed. There will be maps at the January meeting that include recharge areas and maps at a smaller scale with the WMA divided into 2 or 3 sections. Baker mentioned the NJ State Development and Redevelopment Plan, [www.njstateplan.com](http://www.njstateplan.com) was presented to NJWEA at a recent meeting.

*Technical Advisory Committee:* Meyer reported that there were two presentations at the last meeting. One concerning groundwater purveyor concerns by Frank Moritz and one by John Zuzek from NJDEP Northern Region Office concerning the capabilities of GIS. The TAC also requested any input or direction from the PAC for direction and areas of concern.

**DEP Update:** Rector distributed the State of the Environment 2000 DEP's environmental report card. She has also accumulated a book containing the By-Laws, Meeting Minutes, the contract with NJDWSC which will be available for viewing at each PAC Meeting. Hirsch from NJDEP had a question about deliverables. The issue will be discussed at another time.

**Listserves Update:** Pardi reported that to subscribe you send an e-mail to the listserv or go to the website and enter your name. If you have any questions please contact him at [pardir@wpunj.edu](mailto:pardir@wpunj.edu).

Pardi also asked how the TAC will get its assignment. Mancuso answered that based on the characterization data gaps will need to be identified and problems will need to be addressed. The TAC will also look for ways to implement the goals of the PACX once they have been established. Mancuso reported that NJDWSC's consultant will be doing a presentation at the February PAC meeting. Mancuso added that he would be attending future PAC meetings. Kortright added that he will send information over from New York City.

The Executive Committee will be meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

Mancuso requested volunteers for a committee to research funding sources for future projects to meet the goals of the PAC. The group would meet with volunteers from WMA 3, 6 and possibly WMA 5 at a time and location to be determined. Volunteers included Dick Pardi, Tom Thompson, Susan Golz, Laurie Virostek and Cristin Conrad.

**Enviroscape Demonstration:** Carlson demonstrated the Enviroscape which he uses in schools as an educational tool.

**Goals and Objectives:** Mancuso briefly discussed the visioning process and distributed the goals and objectives proposed by WMA 6 who has been at work for several years. Each WMA will have different goals but it gives the group something to review and consider.

**Future Presentations:**

Groundwater and Surface Water concerns and issues  
Aquifers and where we get our water from in this WMA  
GIS mapping process

There was a discussion of over construction and the creation of a Smart Growth Committee. Volunteers for a Smart Growth Committee were Peter Kortright, Ellie Gruber, Thess Prince, Pat Rector and Bill Brooks in abstention. There was a brief discussion about Smart Growth and the conflict between builders, government and environmentalists.

Thompson mentioned that WMA 5 was having a municipal forum and Thompson felt it was important to do the same in WMA 4. Mancuso advised him that the Education and Outreach committees will be working on a joint meeting for the 3 watersheds for Municipal Leaders.

It was mentioned that on December 18<sup>th</sup> the CDC report will be released concerning the Toms River cancer cluster.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

**Handouts:**

December Agenda

November Minutes

New Jersey's Environment 2000

The Executive Summary of the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan

Press release concerning the forum for mayors in WMA 5.