



**State Water Plan Update
Great Lakes Water Resources Regional Committee Meeting**

April 27, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Committee Members in Attendance:

Tim Bruno	Zachary Norwood
Tony Foyle	Brenda Sandberg
Joy Fronzoli	Matthew Wolford
Joe Greco	

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

Robert Buhl	Amy Murdock
James Cardman	Craig Palmer
Jason Childs	Deborah Phillips
Patrick Gehrlein	Timothy Wachter
Daniel Gold	Dennis Whitney
Rebecca Hosack	David Wright
Tom McClure	Kathy Wyrosdick
Susan Moyer	

Others in Attendance:

Kristina Peacock-Jones – DEP	Monica Gould – Strategic Consulting Partners
James Horton – DEP	Bob Whitmore – Strategic Consulting Partners
Mike Hill – DEP	
Dave Jostenski – DEP	

Visitors

None

Welcome

James Horton, DEP, welcomed everyone to the meeting, explained the meeting was being recorded, and provided helpful hints on the use of the technology. Brenda Sandberg, Committee Vice-Chair, welcomed committee members to the meeting and completed a roll call for attendance.

Public Comment

Vice-Chair Sandberg opened the meeting for public comment. An opportunity to express comments verbally or in the chat box was offered. No public comment was offered.

Minutes

The meeting summary of the January 26, 2022, meeting was not voted on with a lack of member quorum.

DEP State Water Plan Update

Kristina Peacock-Jones provided an update of what DEP is working on regarding the State Water Plan Update.

The USGS Water Use Data and Research (WUDR) grant data sharing project involving data sharing between agencies (SRBC, DRBC, and USGS) is operational.

The three draft Critical Area Resource Plans (CARPs) are progressing well. The draft Back Creek CARP is complete and has been shared with the Ohio Regional Committee; the draft Laurel Hill CARP will be shared later. The draft Marsh and Rock Creek Watersheds CARP is still under review and will be shared with the committee upon review. The CARPs will be sent to a list of stakeholders and planning officials within their watershed for review and comment after the regional committee review. Additionally, DEP will host public hearings specifically to consider each CARP and solicit comments from the public prior to the vote for recommendation. Contingent on not having any edits because of the comment period and public testimony, the CARPs will then return to their regional committees to vote on recommendation to the statewide committee.

The final State Water Plan Update report is currently in the process of being drafted by DEP. It will include regional components, work group products, an assessment of progress since the last plan update, and a strategic plan going forward. We anticipate sharing this draft with the statewide committee at their May meeting before making the report available for public comment as required by Act 220.

The State Water Plan Atlas from 2009 is being developed into a StoryMap as a Digital Atlas.

A public hearing to solicit comments from interested persons on the regional components was held on March 11, 2022. A transcript of the hearing has been prepared and was sent to committee members for review. Only one comment was given at the hearings and it was for the Ohio region. No other public comments were received.

The tenth statewide committee meeting was held on March 16, 2022. The eleventh meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2022.

Regional Priorities

James Horton outlined the action plan for the regional priorities and regional components sections for the State Water Plan Update. The Great Lakes Committee is to review the regional components at the meeting today and hopefully approve the plan and recommend to the statewide committee for review at their scheduled meeting in May. If the Great Lakes committee does not have a quorum of members present and cannot vote

on the regional components, the statewide committee will be asked to give the regional committee the required 90-day notice that if the regional committee does not act on the regional priorities and regional components for the State Water Plan, the statewide committee will take the necessary action to approve the priorities and components.

The members of the Great Lakes committee present discussed ideas for continuing to review and approve the regions' priorities and components for the State Water Plan Update. Committee members expressed concern that several current committee members are leaving their present employment and will no longer be active members of the committee and obtaining a quorum of the remaining members for a July meeting may be challenging. The action plan developed by the Great Lakes committee follows:

- James will send a Word version of the regional priorities and components to all Great Lakes members today.
- Committee members will be asked to provide minor editing comments to the document or indicate their approval of the existing draft to James by May 6, 2022.
- James will schedule a one-hour meeting of the committee for June to vote on the region's priorities and components for the State Water Plan and advertise the meeting according to Sunshine Law requirements.
- Simultaneously, the statewide committee chair will be asked to begin the 90-day notification process to the Great Lakes committee to approve the plan.
- The Great Lakes committee will encourage all committee members to attend the scheduled June meeting to ensure a quorum is present and Great Lakes committee is approving the recommended region priorities and region components for the State Water Plan Update.

Chat Log

- An [NIE Reconnect with your Environment from Nov 12, 2013](#), says 80-90% of Lake Erie water enters from the Detroit River and points north. That leaves 10-20% as precip (the 1%) and runoff into the lake from MI, OH, PA, and NY. PA runoff contribution could be in the single percent.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am by Vice-Chair Sandberg.