

Great Lakes Water Resources Regional Committee Meeting
Erie County Conservation District
November 8, 2005

Administrative Items

Unable to finalize August meeting minutes due to not having a quorum.

Copies of the 2006 meeting schedule were passed out.

Dave Skellie asked if other regional committees are able to obtain a quorum at their meetings. Lori said yes they are.

Nick Mobilia discussed the future of the committee. He will look at the attendance record of committee members. He will contact those who have not been attending regularly and ask them if they want to continue on the committee. If they do not want to remain on the committee, he will ask them for a resignation letter and fill their slot. Lori mentioned there are two vacancies currently on the committee – 1 industrial and 1 professional. Have been working on filling the positions but have not been successful yet. Will continue working on getting them filled.

DEP Summary of Activities

Working internally to regroup. We cannot look at the State Water Plan as the end in 2008 – it is really the beginning. John Hines passed out a memo on the Water Resources Plan Template for Completion. There are 16 components that need to be addressed. Formulated templates to give a better understanding of what is expected from the regional committees.

Regulations are scheduled to go to EQB in 2006. There is no fee language in the regs. Forms need to be finalized. Received 4 comments on the regs. Made approximately a dozen changes to the regulations based on comments received. Expect no issues from the EQB.

Building the State Water Plan

John Hines gave a presentation on “Building the State Water Plan”. We need to look at the SWP as a system. Work towards benchmarks of 20-year plan. Update every 5 years. By 2024, the plan should be complete. We must get the data straight. Government and the public sector cannot continue to work separately. Partnerships are going to be necessary in order to get work done. We are trying to get work done without contractual support. Need to give committees better guidance for them to get their part done. By 2023, should have a fully incorporated system for the Commonwealth. Have asked for volunteers to collect data and write regional plans. If you see areas that need modification, we will add more of a regional flavor.

Local Planning Activities

Lori passed out a demographic and socio-economic fact sheet and a draft of “Socio-Economic and Land Use Outline for Regional Components”. If anyone has comments or questions, let us know and we will revise it.

New Business

John Hines stated that Nick Mobilia and Bill Gough should continue to serve as Chair/Vice-Chair until the next meeting to elect new officers.

Tom Fuhrman talked about the Annex Agreement. We need to let legislators know how important it is.

Meeting was adjourned.