

Great Lakes Water Resources Regional Committee Meeting
Erie County Conservation District
May 9, 2006

Committee Members in Attendance:

Lori Boughton	Donna Mindek
Tom Fuhrman	David Mulvihill
Bill Gough	John Walliser
Dave Skellie	Nancy Slater
Craig Kern	Matthew Wolford
Jesse Koon	David Wright

Others in Attendance:

Robert Wisener	Jake Welsh
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DEP Staff Members in Attendance:

Bill Gast	Lori Mohr
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Administrative Items

Vice Chair, Bill Gough called the meeting to order and conducted introductions. The August and November 2005 meeting summaries were adopted. Motion by Dave Wright, Seconded by Tom Fuhrman. Passed unanimously.

Elections held: Tom Fuhrman nominated Nick Mobilia for Chair and Bill Gough for Vice Chair of the committee. Motion seconded by Matt Wolford and passed unanimously.

DEP Summary of Activities

Growing Greener I money was allocated to help fund State Water Plan activities for 2006-2007. This money may be used, among other things, to fund written products, such as the Regional Atlas, and to contract with an outside entity to help with the technical analysis of the water budget and associated tool results.

A Learning to LEAD project to help formulate a marketing strategy for State Water Plan activities is underway. LEAD is a DEP program that allows emerging leaders from throughout the Department to work together on a project that helps foster their leadership skills. This is the second LEAD project dealing with State Water Plan activities. Last year's group submitted a paper with recommendations for developing the Water Conservation Technical Assistance Center.

The 2008 State Water Plan Written Documents, or "CAKE" document was distributed to committee members. This document puts the State Water Plan system and associated 2008 materials into perspective and acknowledges that the State Water Plan will not be a single plan, but an entire system developed to recognize that individuals have varying

degrees of interest and knowledge in water resources and by publishing various formats for our work, we will be able to target different audiences to convey information on water resources. In addition to the technical data being developed, we are also working on a regional atlas, a marketing document, and statewide and regional action agendas.

New Business

Tom Fuhrman made a motion to send a letter from the committee to Joanne Denworth (Governor's Policy Office) and copy Cathy Myers (DEP Deputy Secretary for Water Management), supporting the Great Lakes Annex Agreement and requesting ratification by the Legislature. Motion was seconded by Dave Skellie. Tom volunteered to draft a letter and present it to the committee for consideration at the August meeting.

USGS Water Budget and Tools

Bill Gast gave a Power Point presentation outlining the work done by USGS and the capability of the Water Budget Tool that was developed for State Water Plan Work. In addition, Bill described the Water Use Analysis and Yield Analysis tools that were developed to work in conjunction with the Water Budget tool to help generate data on water use and projected water use in the state. Finally, Bill presented the draft Critical Area Resource Plan (CARP) guidelines to the committee. Comments are being collected from regional committee members on the CARP guidelines. Comments should be sent to Sue Weaver by June 1, 2006.

Regional Binders

DEP distributed regional committee binders. These binders hold information about the watershed and the regional committees and additional information will be added at future meetings, as regional committee members consider what type of information should be included in the State Water Plan written documents, such as the regional atlas and regional action agendas. Committee members should remember to bring these binders to future meetings, as information will constantly be added.

Meeting was adjourned.