

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA WATER RESOURCES  
REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

July 31, 2006  
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

DEP Southcentral Regional Office  
909 Elmerton Ave.  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

**DRAFT** Meeting Summary

**Attendance**

Committee members in attendance:

Tom Beauduy  
Jineen Boyle  
Betty Conner  
Ron Evanko  
Cynthia Hitz  
Chris Hoffman

Walter M. Leis, P.G.  
Thomas Mealy  
Earl Meyer  
Craig G. Robertson, P.G.  
Steven J. Seidl

Committee members not in attendance:

Don Baldwin  
Ed Goodhart  
James Hostetter  
Michael Kyle

William T. Morris  
Jeff Osman  
Gerrit Strathmeyer

Others in attendance:

Joel Caves – Spotts, Stevens & McCoy  
Rachel Delavan – DEP  
Jeff Dewey – DEP  
Bob Edwards - RETTEW  
Bill Gast – DEP  
Matt Genchur, PA Rural Water  
Association  
Yen Hoang – Environmental Law  
Institute  
Tom McCarty – Penn State  
Cooperative Extension

Jim McElfish – Environmental Law  
Institute  
Lori Mohr – DEP  
Yury Neboga – DEP  
Leslie Sarvis – DEP  
John Seitz, York County Planning  
Commission  
Sharon Sheppard – Greater Hanover  
Alliance  
Ann Smith – DEP

Chairman Betty Conner called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Introductions of committee members and guests were made around the room.

**Administrative Items**

The Draft May Meeting Summary could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

Betty announced that Bill Achor has resigned from the committee, effective immediately, due to increased work commitments. The committee will elect a vice chair at the next meeting.

Leslie Sarvis informed the committee that DEP has nominations to fill all of the vacancies except for Bill's, and DEP management staff are currently reviewing those nominations. After DEP review, they will be forwarded to the Governor's Office. Hopefully the appointments will be made by the November meeting date. The 2006 committee member terms expire in September, and DEP staff have asked those whose terms expire to let us know if they are interested in continuing on the committee. All but Jeff Osman have expressed their desire to remain on the committee. DEP will seek a replacement nomination for Jeff as soon as possible.

Leslie Sarvis introduced Rachel Delavan as her job share partner. Rachel began working for DEP in July and will share responsibilities with Leslie. For now, Leslie is still the lead DEP contact for the Lower Susquehanna Committee, although this may change as job duties are divided between them. Rachel's contact information is [rdelavan@state.pa.us](mailto:rdelavan@state.pa.us) and her phone number is the same as Leslie's: 717-772-5634.

The Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy Steering Committee recently reviewed a document entitled Reuse of Treated Wastewater Guidance Manual, ID # 362-0300-009. Committee members are encouraged to read the draft manual which can be found on the Department's web page related to Draft Technical Guidance Documents at [www.dep.state.pa.us/TechnicalGuidance/Draft\\_technical\\_guidance.asp](http://www.dep.state.pa.us/TechnicalGuidance/Draft_technical_guidance.asp).

DEP is developing a GIS-based electronic tool to display all water attribute and water quality data known to the Department. It is called the WAVE Tool (Water Attribute Viewer for the Enterprise) and is being developed in two phases. Phase I is the internal DEP view and was completed in July. Phase II will be the external display of the data as determined by the respective water programs and is not yet complete. DEP would like for Regional Committee members to volunteer to attend a tutorial session in the coming months to learn more about the WAVE Tool and to provide feedback to DEP. Leslie will email committee members at a later date to ask for volunteers.

#### *Comments from the Public*

Sharon Sheppard of the Greater Hanover Alliance shared with the committee some of the water management and land use planning issues in the South Branch Conewago Watershed. Ms. Sheppard said there are areas in the watershed that need protection and that possibly a CWPA nomination would help to accomplish this. She also emphasized the need to be proactive and not reactive on watershed protection issues. As a result of Ms. Sheppard's

comments and others who have commented in the past to the committee about possible CWPA nominations, the committee wants to begin identifying areas that may eventually be nominated as CWPA's. A sub-group was formed to begin collecting data and information about areas that have been brought to the committee's attention as possible CWPA's. Volunteers for the sub-group were Craig Robertson, Tom Beauduy, Jineen Boyle and Walt Leis. Leslie Sarvis said she would send the sub-group the list of potential CWPA's that the committee identified in August 2004. Lori Mohr agreed to send the committee a summary of the actions that the Ohio Committee has taken to collect data about the Laurel Hill Creek Watershed.

### **Regional Priorities Facilitated Discussion**

Leslie Sarvis and Lori Mohr led a discussion on the committee's Regional Priorities, which were originally developed in February 2004. The goal of today's meeting was to hone their priorities into "desired outcomes." These desired outcomes will be the basis of the committee's final recommendations in their Regional Action Agenda portion of the State Water Plan. Jim McElfish of the Environmental Law Institute (ELI) referred the committee to the comments submitted by the ELI and suggested the committee think in terms of expectations and actions needed as opposed to just issue identification.

After much discussion it was decided that a sub-group (Earl Meyer and Betty Conner) would take a first shot at further refining their priorities. They will then be sent to the full committee for review. The priorities -- and the progress made on them -- will be discussed again at the November committee meeting.

### **Regional Atlas/Maps Discussion**

More maps of the Lower Susquehanna basin were brought to the meeting for committee members to add to their Penn's Waters binders. The maps included:

- Water Use - Act 220 Registration
- Population Change
- Land Cover
- Average Minimum and Maximum Temperatures
- Average Annual Precipitation
- Community Water Supply Service Areas
- A Summary of Forest Resources

**Follow-up/Next Steps** - The next meeting is November 6, 2006 at the DEP Southcentral Regional Office in Harrisburg beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.