

Draft
Potomac Water Resources Regional Committee Meeting

Gettysburg, PA
August 19, 2005

Meeting Summary

Attendance

Members Present:

Joseph Hoffman
Andy Fitz
Brent Ramsey
Mike Christopher
Don MacAskill
Jeff Kloss
Mark Matthews
George Fisanich
William Reichart
Robert Reichart
Jim Richenderfer
Pet Gratto

Members Not Present:

Charles Bennett
Phyllis Chant
Bill McLaughlin
Roger Steele
Evon Barvinchack
Mark Bream
Ricky Leese
Russell McLucas
Pat Naugle

DEP Staff:

Lori Mohr
Bill Gast

Others:

Mary K. Seville
Robert Thaeler
Susan Cipperly
Andy Paszkowski
Phil Tarquino

Meeting called to order at 9:10 am by Joe Hoffman who was acting chair.

Introductions were made.

Administrative Items

Motion was made by Mike Christopher to accept the February 18th minutes as written: seconded by William Reichart and passed unanimously.

Statewide Committee Update

Robert Reichart – Funding was discussed at Statewide Committee Meeting for the State Water Plan. The understanding was that funding may be available from the Growing Greener Program.

Draft regulations for registration and reporting process were approved by the statewide committee. These regulations are scheduled to go before the EQB in November.

Bill Gast – The draft Guidelines for Identifying Critical Water Planning Areas document is going through internal review process at this time and will be published in the PA Bulletin either August 19th or 20th as draft guidance. After a 30-day review period, the documents will be posted as final guidance.

Working with SRBC & DRBC to implement funding to finish collection of discharge monitoring information from the Regions.

Public hearings held in May and DEP was pleased with the turnout.

DEP Activities

Bill Gast – Population projections went out to county and regional committees about 4 weeks ago. Deadline to submit comments to DEP was August 19, 2005. Hope to have complied in a few months.

Discussion on how population projections were obtained

Mark Matthews discussed the new Watershed Management program in the Southcentral Region.

Public Comments

Alan Tamm, PA Emergency Management, discussed the statewide Hazard Mitigation Plan and the need for development of local Hazard Mitigation Plans. Gave examples of information that are included in their mitigation plan that the Committee may be able to use.

His email is atamm@state.pa.us. Information also available at www.landuse.com/emap.

Regional Public Meeting/Hearing

Minutes were provided to committee members

Documents are being finalized on public meetings.

More information will be available at next meeting.

Regional Plan Component Outline

Joe Hoffman discussed draft regional component.

Lori Mohr discussed the schedule on writing the sections/pieces to be used to write the Plan.

Lori discussed each section:

- Local Planning
- Socio-Economical/Land Use
- Physical Features
- Water Conservation
- Planning Approach Under Act 220
- Exiting Water Resources Management in the Potomac Basin

Joe Hoffman discussed how committee members would write white papers using Delaware template.

The level of details for these writings was discussed as well as the format. The hope is to keep all the state water plans similar.

County Planning Departments Presentations

Adams County – Bob Thaeler and Sue Cipperly

- Comprehensive Plan adopted in 1991 – updated on component-by-component basis
- Working on Phase I update through Penn DOT
- Ready to start County Greenway Plan
- Original Plan took a very thorough look at water resources
- Things are changing in Adams County very quickly – county being hit with some very large projects. Some projects proposing are over 1000 EDUs
- County did wellhead protection plan in 2000. Looked at infrastructure in boroughs and townships. Did a wellhead protection in different geology areas in county.
- Active Watershed Alliance Group did a comprehensive plan of the Conewago Creek including water testing.
- No waters coming into Adams County, all headwaters
- Did a Storm water Plan in 2002
- Working on model ordinances with DEP
- Critical Areas – Supply and Demand

- Only county in PA that in the 90s boroughs grew faster than municipalities. Water systems grew at that time. By the end of the 90s water capacity was used.
- New projects are in rural areas of the county, some as large as 1000 units. Concerns after these systems are up and running are how will control of water be accomplished?
- 6 of 20 municipalities do not have zoning in the Potomac River Basin
- Land Conservancy has been doing work along Marsh Creek
- Doing an application for Forest Legacy which is a federal program
- Working on 2 model ordinance for wellhead protection
- One multi-municipal plan between Bonneville Borough & Mt. Pleasant Township
- Working on joint plan between Littlestown Borough, Germany and Union Townships
- Starting a plan involving 6 municipalities in northern part of county which involves the fruit industries
- Working on a 6 municipality agreement in the SW corner of the county. This area has pending project that will have water issues

Bedford County – Jeff Kloss

- Not experiencing any major growth
- Last 5 to 10 years county has seen about 4% growth rate
- 40% of County is in Potomac Basin
- Rely almost entire on groundwater
- 10% public systems, 90% on private wells
- 6 month into a 2-year project to do a total reworking of comprehensive plan
- Recreation plan being worked on
- Working on 6 county Greenway Plan
- Natural Areas Inventory completed in 1995
- Ag Preservation Plan in place – 1400 acres under easement
- Have done some storm water planning, about 20% of county
- Very little planning done by local municipalities
- 7 or 8 water shed groups in county
- Critical Areas – working with municipalities to adopt subdivision plans, floodplain development and local governments that don't implement ordinances

Franklin County – Phil Tarquino

- All municipalities east of I-81 have zoning, west of I-81 no zoning
- Seeing shift in development west of I-81
- Experiencing large amount of growth in County
- Need to look global, south of the PA/MD Line
- Plan developed in 1999
- Most municipalities have comprehensive plans
- Support for more funding for municipalities
- No significant stream flooding, more groundwater flooding
- Significant agriculture area
- Critical Issues – Drought and Urbanization

Fulton County – Mary Seville

- 13 municipalities – only 1 has zoning
- Comprehensive Plan updated in 2002
- Working on a Municipal Joint Plan – 12 municipalities involved – County is taking the lead on this project
- Water Resource Forum held by County Conservation District
- Ongoing – Western Conservancy
- Storm water management plan – Cove Creek plan adopted in 1994
- Critical Issues – 95% of population on wells and some impaired streams
- Needs & Development – Storm water Management Plant, Wellhead Protection, joint zoning or county zoning ordinances.

DEP will follow-up with planners to get copies of questions, ordinances and plans.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2005, in Franklin County.

Motion to adjourn made by George Fisanich, seconded by Robert Reichart. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.