



SPRING CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

A grassroots stakeholder initiative

Association Meeting Summary for October 18, 2011

Next Meeting: November 15, 2011- 7:30 to 9:30 am- Patton Township Municipal Building

Attendees: Todd Giddings, Rob Cooper, Jim Gazza, Bob Eberhart, Bill Sharp, Dennis Hameister, Jim May, Barbara Fisher, Bob Donaldson, Bob Carline, Kristen Saacke Blunk, Jen Shuey, Ann Donovan, Nick Schipanski

Guests: John Dawes

1. Meeting Schedule discussion. Kristen described proposal for holding monthly meeting at various locations in watershed.
 - a. Discussion followed:
 - i. Giddings: didn't think proposal would impact attendance. Suggested expend energy on working to implement on County level a Critical Area Resource Plan (CARP) as framework for re-vitalizing Assoc meetings.
 - ii. Jim May: Asked what goal of change in meeting locations was, that this question needed to be answered. Also suggested only 2-3 such meeting per year if implemented.
 - iii. Ann: meeting need to be more specific, "on-the-ground" topics. CARP might be too complicated.
 - iv. Donaldson: rotating/elaborate meeting not effective in his experience.
 - v. Rob Cooper: Idea has merit, but don't do too many. Meetings need specific framework like recharge, stormwater, other topic of concern for municipality.
 - vi. Bill: Must be well publicized.
 - vii. Barbara: Suggested framework could be identifying critical recharge areas, a topic that wouldn't be divisive in her opinion.
 - viii. Ann: Chesapeake Bay Foundation has individual that maps resource areas for free if application approved. Maybe PSU grad student.
 - ix. Donaldson: At least two comprehensive planning processes underway- bringing two together for discussions could be a framework for these meetings. This would be a good mission for the Association.
 - x. Jen: need Jim May/planning professional in county to participate in any watershed planning work, otherwise no structure in place for use of any products. They will need convincing to participate.
 - xi. Discussion re-hashed recharge committee work by Commission and problems. Members present did not have clear idea of problems committee had/why

ground to a halt: lack of time by volunteers on committee, lack of consensus on goals/utility of their proposed project, personality conflicts. May be possible to create a recharge area map only, leave behind planning components for now.

- xii. PSU has a recharge area map for own supply. Larry may have details: who developed, what entailed.
 - b. Nick will contact Mark, Chris, other hydrologists for teleconference on “Recharge Capacity Map” to determine if Association should pursue this idea. (1) Utility of such a map, (2) what needed for it (GIS, Hydrogeologists expertise), (3) how make it happen (ideas: grad student for GIS, expert panel of retired professionals for rating formations for recharge potential, etc). One potential idea: B-version for use by CW for own decision-making, then see if can be more fully developed for planning use by municipalities.
 - c. Kristen will report meeting proposal to Oct 19 Commission meeting.
2. Ann gave brief report on Chesapeake Bay Watershed Forum.
 3. Nick reported that ClearWater/WRMP received the necessary \$10,500 in pledges for Houseville gage for FY 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Minutes prepared by N. Schipanski