

April 2010 Black River RAP Meeting

Ted Conlin-

SEP Money- \$100,000

- a. Must be in Master Plan
 - b. Must be approved by RAP
 - c. Must be approved by Ohio EPA
 - d. Then a check can be written from the trust account
1. WRSP Funds applied for by City of Lorain
 - a. Henderson Rd Wetlands \$934,000
 - b. Stream bank work lower Black River Mainstem almost \$1 Million
 2. City of Lorain has received significant funding to do slag removal and streambank remediation of over \$5 Million
 3. Lorain City Restoration Project
 - a. Recycling Limestone
 4. Jennifer W. - Acquisition of Henderson easement would be best, but Lorain Already applied for \$, RAP must have a plan B in place in case City of Lorain gets Henderson funding and don't need funds from RAP SEP funds
 5. Jeff VanLoon- Who would hold the Easement?...Ted - Western Reserve Land Conservancy?
 6. Port Authority- Develop southern portion of BR Landing- allow small boats to dock, Rick Novak will talk to board. Wondering if Fish Shelves would prohibit putting in docks in future? Anne Marie- last fish self grant did not state the specifics of what the Port can or cannot do...However, part of the original fish shelf was for mitigation, so that can't be destroyed and it would not be in the best interest of the Mainstem to lose any of the fish shelf area currently in place. USEPA can not speak to what restrictions would be placed on master plan identified/implemented projects funded from the RAP SEP funds.
 7. SEP money use has a deadline; money must be used within 1.5-2 years from now
 8. Jeff VanLoon - Will owner (Mr. Johnson) of land (Henderson wetland) give the easement? - probably not (Rick N.). Andy V. says that Mr. Johnson may be willing if city can provide him with a location to dock, according to Corey Timko.
 9. Master Plan is a working plan- can add things to plan.
 10. RAP needs to prioritize projects from spending SEP money - Ted
 - a. Easements
 - b. "Ladder" for fish to get to and from the lake
 - c. Fish shelves
 2. Jeff VanLoon - made motion to make first five items on list (easements and fish shelves) as priorities for SEP money, Eddie seconds it.
 - a. Ted, should find out acceptability from landowner
 - i. If landowner isn't accepting, it would drop off the list
 - ii. Should maybe talk to all owners and then reduce list.
 - b. Rick Novak- will talk to board

- c. Kate- when Western Reserve Land Conservancy works with landowner...usually landowner still holds easement, Western Reserve does visit each year for enforcement of easement. It may be possible for Lighthouse Foundation and WRLC to jointly hold the easement.
- d. Motion passed to make top 5 project categories the priority projects for SEP funds**
- 3. Andy- made motion to make stream bank stabilization secondary items; Ted seconds (if Plan A doesn't work). Voted, passed.
- 4. Ted- RAP should set up committee to check into these priorities
 - a. Ken suggests himself, Rick Novak and Kim, NOACA will sit in
 - b. Talk with Andy McDowell (WRLC) for questions about easements
- 5. Anne Marie- we need to spend the \$!!! Keep an open mind and keep the project going. It is imperative that the group not become bogged down by trying to choose the project(s). There are many in the plan, the RAP just needs to choose one to start with for use of the SEP money.
- 6. If project includes engineering, may be able to get Corp to do it for free on top of \$100,000 -Ted

Annual Report- Ted

- 1. Jennifer has made a few comments, given to Ted
- 2. Ken likes the BUI section
- 3. Pictures taken by Ted Conlin
- 4. Motion made by Eddie to accept Report (with appropriate Editorial changes), Jennifer seconds.

Watershed Update

- 1. Christina not able to come to today's meeting. She is working hard to complete required watershed action plans for the subwatersheds of primary focus.

OLD BUSINESS

Stormwater- (water quality not quantity)

- 1. Ken Pearce and Jim Boddy (LCGHD) have been talking with township and village officials who are not sure how to work through the requirements
 - a. Working with Auditor's office for GIS mapping, mapping is only a part of it- but townships need help mapping potential illicit discharges
 - b. Prosecutors are researching laws for storm water management plans. Is very concerned that townships don't have legal authority to enforce storm water requirements.
 - c. Most townships are behind schedule with Storm Water Management Plan reporting requirements to Ohio EPA
- 2. New Russia exempt from Stormwater MS4
- 3. Joint application would be ideal- results in one report- Andy (NOACA)

- a. Could be overwhelming work load for one point person/entity to take on reporting for several localities at once
- 4. Ken- Health Commissioners Assoc met last week
 - a. More HD's need to be involved in watershed issues- Ken stated to George Olmaraghi at meeting
 - i. Suggestion- use solid waste plan as a model for county wide water quality planning
 - ii. State EPA and Health Departments go together as unit- make statewide regulations, with central repository
 - iii. George thought that a 208 plan would fit, Ken doesn't agree

Master Plan- Anne Marie

She has three copies and CDs available now at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. GLRI -

- a. State Plan for funding needs of all RAPs being pulled together – Ted has incorporated funding for Black River needs as requested by his agency. Possibly local capacity funding from health district RAP secretariat
- b. Looking at Non State Plans first

Announcements- none...

Next Meeting Monday, July 12th