

St. Mary's River Watershed Restoration Action Strategy

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MINUTES

10:00 AM June 9, 2008

St Mary's County Department of Land Use and Growth Management
Center conference room

St. Mary's River Watershed Association (SMRWA) Executive Director Bob Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM. Attendees included: Steve Bernard, Sue Veith, Bruce Young, Jim Hardin, Larry Hartwick, and Joe Anderson.

The minutes of the May 12 Kick-Off meeting were accepted as is by consensus.

The group agreed by consensus that a formal steering committee was preferred and that additional members could join along the way. Stakeholders that have not RSVP for today's meeting (and are not present) but were deemed to be important assets to the steering committee are representatives from METCOM, Patuxent Partnership, DPWT, and the Navy. They will be contacted by Joe.

Additionally, the group agreed to follow consensus-building meeting procedures, and avoiding motions and votes whenever possible—albeit motions and votes will be used for formal reports, and whenever the moderator cannot build consensus. There will be no quorums as such – as the project will need to move forward at every meeting – those present deciding issues and direction.

Communications with the public will be mostly through a web site and media—as well as informational meetings. Communications between steering committee members will be via email and all members are asked to send their comments to Bob Lewis and cc Sue Veith. Bob will forward appropriate comments on to the rest of the committee members. Email addresses are Bob Lewis: taylew@erols.com Sue Veith: sueveith@co.saint-marys.md.us

The group then entered into a long discussion about what to include (or not include) in the WRAS—identifying where those in attendance could provide the information. From that discussion, many tasks and issues that are worth noting specifically are:

- Old data on impoundment site for potable water (Bruce)
- USGS reports on impoundment sites (Bob L.)
- Governor's Climate Change Study due out shortly (DNR Water Resources Division – Zoe Johnson)
- Hurricane Inundation Study (Towson)
- St. Inigoes Environmental Impact Statement (Navy impacts – include snow removal)(Jackie at DNR)
- SMC Land Preservation Plan
- Mining permits and operations (Bruce)
- Air Deposition Study (Trib Teams)
- Climate Change Report (Trib Teams)
- Septic System data - (Trib Teams)
- Failing Systems (Health Department.)
- Areas identified for upgrades or being installed (Health Dept – Daryl Calvano)
- List of vendors approved for reimbursement 50% upgrades and Bay Trust Fund monies for septic upgrades
- Study on illegal dump sites c1970s
- Comprehensive Solid Waste Plan
- State Highway stormwater plan for Rte 5 (Larry)
- Forest stand delineation due out in December (LUGM)

The next meeting will be 10 AM July 14 at the Lexington Park Library room #A. The meeting adjourned at 12:01.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lewis

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