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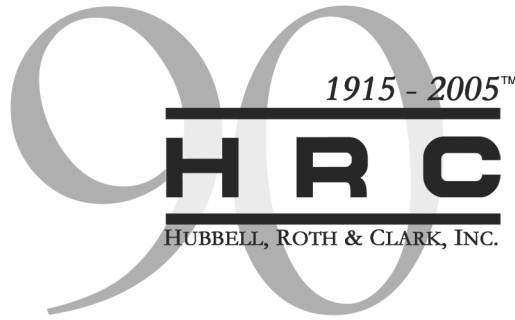
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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Livingston County Phase II Watershed Groups**  
**Meeting No. 19**

Date: 1/14/05  
Time: 9:00am  
Meeting Held: Green Oak Twp Hall

HRC Job No. 20030566

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**Introduction**

Jacy Paul of HRC welcomed the group. Everyone introduced themselves to the rest of the group as there were some new faces in the room.

**Approval Letters for the PPP**

Becky Simpson, LCDC Water Resources Coordinator, passed out the approval letters from the MDEQ for each watershed group’s Public Participation Plan (PPP) (South Branch [Upper-2] Shiawassee River and Huron Chain of Lakes Watersheds) that was submitted on May 1, 2004.

On a related note, Bill Stone of HRC noted that Cheryl Bartley of the MDEQ sent him an email noting that the annual reports submitted on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 were approved as submitted. Cheryl had some draft comments on the Public Education Plan (PEP), but Bill wanted to speak with Cheryl first to confirm some comments that were made. Cheryl noted that she has not yet had a chance to review the Illicit Discharge Elimination Plans (IDEP), but hopes to have comments within the next month. Bill noted that once comments are finalized, the watershed group as a whole will discuss how to respond.

**Intergovernmental Agreement for PEP Implementation**

Becky noted that the intergovernmental agreement for the Drain Commissioner’s office to handle dissemination of public education materials is currently in review with their attorneys and should be

available very soon. Becky will email the document to group members for their signatures. They can be turned in at the next watershed group meeting.

### **Amendment to Agreement for the South Branch Shiawassee River Watershed Group**

With the City of Howell and Deerfield Township no longer participating with the watershed group, the agreement in regards to the total costs associated with the storm water management planning for the South Branch group had to be amended. Becky passed out a table with the new costs for this group. The excel spreadsheet of that table is attached with these minutes. Becky plans to email the amended agreement to group members for signatures within the next two weeks. They can be submitted at the next group meeting.

### **Watershed Short Course 2005**

Mike Gaden of the MSU-Extension office in Howell gave an overview of the proposed Watershed Short Course. The program is divided up into two sessions. Each session is composed of four weeks—one class per week, followed by a field trip to end the session. The first session is from May to June of this year and covers basic watershed management principles, how local citizens can get involved in the process and what they can do to help protect water quality. The second session is from August to September and is composed of more specialized topics such as land use planning, low impact development, how residents should manage their well and/or septic systems, and how riparian landowners should manage their land for water quality protection. Mike passed around a draft agenda and welcomes input on the suggested topics.

- **PEP Opportunities for Phase II Compliance**

Mike spoke to the group about how they could contribute to the short course program to get credit for implementation of their PEP. Communities could have a hand in the sponsorship by providing the facility to hold the workshops, contribute money to aid with workshop expenses, or actively have a part in advertising the event. The handouts explaining the short course and opportunities for involvement in the program are attached with these minutes.

Mike noted a decision will need to be made soon on how each community might be able to contribute. If communities aren't necessarily ready to contribute right away, a commitment letter would suffice. Mike noted that the average cost for this program runs from \$6,000 to \$10,000. As such, the more support that is given will bring the cost down and help get more citizens to sign up for the program. Mike can be contacted at 517.546.3950 with questions.

### **Public Education Efforts**

- **Watershed Placemats**

Amy Mangus of SEMCOG passed out a sample placemat with information on watersheds that each community could tailor with their contact information. Amy also brought full color placemats with information regarding the 7 Simple Steps to Clean Water campaign materials. Becky Simpson noted that the County has a couple prospects for restaurants that would be willing to use the placemats. Jacy

Paul recommended that group members speak with Chamber of Commerce members to help get the word out and see what other restaurants would be willing to use the placemats.

- **Videos**

Any brought along a number of educational videos/CDs/DVDs. The first item was the public service announcement produced by Comcast Cable on Storm Drain Awareness. There will be a different topic every couple months that will correspond with the 7 Simple Steps to Clean Water Campaign materials. These videos can be played at meetings or put on the local cable access channel, for example.

The second video is an IDEP training video produced by Wayne County Department of Environment. The reception from the video has been very good. It's only about 14 minutes long and has been noted as being one of the best training videos seen around. It's targeted for city/village/township employees, but could also be played to the general public. It outlines how to detect an illicit discharge and how to notify the authorities if a problem is suspected.

- **LCDC Storm Water Website**

Becky Simpson reminded the group that the Drain Commissioner's office has the storm water website up and running. There's an information clearinghouse on all the basics of the Phase II storm water program. There is a link to every phase II community website (if they have one). There is a calendar that meetings and other events can be posted to—just let Becky know of anything that's desired to be put on it. Becky noted that there isn't an official web-counter on the site, but she can access the statistics another way to see how many hits have been made to the site. The site can be accessed at: <http://co.livingston.mi.us/drain/phaseII/>.

- **Newspaper Advertising**

The LCDC has been talking with the editor at Livingston County Press & Argus to get prices for advertising. The LCDC will also be talking with the local 93.5 radio station to get advertising going. The SEMCOG tips for that month would be advertised. Any provided a calendar that delineates which tips will be played for each month. That calendar is also attached with these minutes.

- **MWEA CD**

Bill Stone of HRC distributed a CD Video Presentation produced by the Michigan Water Environment Association entitled, "Healthy Watersheds: Our Responsibility, Our Legacy". It's roughly 14 minutes long. It's an excellent video to play on the local cable station or for school presentations. It explains the background on watershed management, why it's important, and provides 10 tips on how to protect water quality for the average citizen.

- **Landscaping for Water Quality**

Becky Simpson brought along the Landscaping for Water Quality booklet produced by the Center for Environmental Studies. It has now been condensed down to one booklet from the three separate

components it came in before. It's available in full color and is free of charge—except that you do need to pay for shipping. Get in contact with Becky for more information (517.546.0040).

### **Grant Opportunity for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control (SESC)**

Jacy Paul passed out information on a grant opportunity funded by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. The grant is provided through the Great Lakes Basin Program. Funding is available for local projects that aim to improve water quality specifically through the reduction of soil erosion and sedimentation in the following three categories:

- 1) Demonstration Projects: Involve measures to physically limit erosion or sedimentation;
- 2) Program Development: To strengthen existing infrastructure for erosion and sediment control; and,
- 3) Information and Education Efforts.

The deadline for applications is March 1, 2005. All applications must be submitted online at [www.glc.org/basin/funding.html](http://www.glc.org/basin/funding.html). A number of example projects that funding has been awarded for can be viewed online at [www.glc.org/basin](http://www.glc.org/basin). For those interested, additional information can be obtained by contacting Gary Overmier, Great Lakes Commission, at [garyo@glc.org](mailto:garyo@glc.org).

The LCDC utilized this grant a few years back to rewrite their soil erosion and sedimentation guidelines and Brian Jonckheere has said that they were a great group to work with and highly recommended the program.

### **Water Resources Protection Workbook**

Jacy Paul noted that Amy Mangus of SEMCOG brought along a publication they produced entitled, "Opportunities for Water Resource Protection in Local Plans, Ordinances, and Programs—A Workbook for Local Governments". This publication was passed out in the early stages of the watershed group meetings so many communities already have the resource. Additional copies are available for those that still have not received one. Please contact Jacy or Amy for those. The workbook will be used by communities as part of the watershed planning process to evaluate the adequacy of water quality and quantity protection as part of the language in their master/comprehensive plans and local ordinances. Recommendations will be made in the watershed plan as to which communities will need to make changes/additions in order to meet the goals outlined in the watershed plan to protect the water resources.

### **Other Items of Interest**

Amy Mangus noted that SEMCOG members will be receiving a mailing packet soon full of new publications from SEMCOG. They will also be giving members "give-aways" that were acquired through grant monies.

Amy also gave an update on SEMCOG's efforts to address a number of concerns related to the tax and budget structure of the state and local governments for implementation of storm water permit requirements. This is in response to the fact that user fees is a limited option due to past court decisions (namely Bolt vs. City of Lansing). SEMCOG is currently working with a group of municipal attorneys on finalizing a draft Problem Statement that clearly defines the issues resulting from Bolt and spells out

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the need for corrective steps. SEMCOG will be meeting with the west side of the state, Grand Rapids, Grand Valley Metro Council, among others, to ensure that the problem is regarded as an important state-wide issue as opposed to simply a southeast Michigan issue.

**Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled watershed groups meeting will be **Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am** at Green Oak Township Hall.

These minutes are intended to be a summary of those items discussed. Any corrections and/or comments should be noted to the writer as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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