

**Livingston County Phase II Application Process  
February 7, 2003 Meeting, Green Oak Township Hall  
Draft - Meeting Minutes**

**Introduction**

Michael Gaden welcomed the group. He announced Brian Jonckheere's absence. He addressed the Interagency Agreement, and indicated it was available for anyone who had not signed it. Jennifer Melcher, County DPW, received more signatures during the meeting.

Michael Gaden handed out the guide Developing a Watershed Management Plan for Water Quality to all members of the group. He explained that the guide could be used as a reference while the group develops their watershed plans.

**Permit Applications**

Bill Stone of HRC gave an explanation of the new handouts for the notebooks for this meeting. He explained that these were to be under tab 3 in the notebook. Handouts included an agenda, meeting minutes from the January meeting, sign in sheet from the January meeting, a draft Public Education Plan, and an Illicit Discharge Elimination Plan for LCDC.

Bill proceeded by having group hand in their applications. At this time he opened the meeting up to questions regarding the applications. There was a brief discussion about schools and their involvement.

Bill mentioned that the MDEQ is working on the Genesee County Shiawassee River application and that he had heard that the COC would mention Tyrone and Deerfield Townships. He said their Watershed Management Plan will be due in March 2006 and their SWPPIs will be due in September of '06. Our South Branch Shiawassee group will most likely have similar if not the same due dates.

**Next Steps**

Bill explained that HRC and the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) are interested in forming a partnership to provide service to the group through the SWPPI submittal date. They will be submitting separate proposals to Brian Jonckheere by March 10, 2003.

HRWC will be proposing to develop and implement a Public Education Plan (PEP) and a Public Participation Program for the entire group and write the Watershed Management Plan (WP) for the Huron River Chain of Lakes Subwatershed Group using the Brighton Lake WP as a base.

HRC is proposing to continue to assist LCDC with meeting facilitation, provide templates to the entire group for the Illicit Discharge Elimination Plan, Annual Report and SWPPI, and write the WP for the South Branch Shiawassee Subwatershed Group,.

Bill proposed the date April 11, 2003 for our next group meeting, upon Brian Jonckheere's approval. At that meeting the discussion will cover the Public Education Plan, led by Chris Riggs of the Huron River Watershed Council. The May meeting will cover the Illicit Discharge

Elimination Plan template and watershed planning is proposed to begin in June with the group dividing into the two sub groups for planning.

### **Watershed Planning Process**

Chris Riggs, from the Huron River Watershed Council, was introduced as the meeting presenter to speak about the watershed planning process.

Chris spoke about TMDL's and our the lakes within our watershed that fall under MDEQ TMDL designations. He gave a brief history of each lake, including Ore, Brighton, Strawberry, and Limekiln, and their current TMDL status. He spoke mostly of Brighton Lake.

Bill Stone, with his background with MDEQ, expanded on the topic of TMDL's. He also mentioned that sedimentation is the largest pollutant of concern in Michigan, not phosphorus.

Chris explained details of the Brighton Lake subwatershed plan and how we can use it for our Phase II watershed planning needs. Chris proceeded by going into greater detail about the Brighton Lake subwatershed plan, and an explanation of the process they used in developing the plan. He also mentioned the action plans they used to reach goals and sub-goals, an explanation of the plan components such as best management practices, and how they will inform the public of the plan.

There was a brief discussion on how to deal with naturally occurring sources of phosphorus.

### **Meeting Wrap-up**

Bill Stone explained that the process used for developing the Brighton Lake plan will be the same process we will use to develop the Livingston County Phase II watershed plans. He mentioned that the guide Mike Gaden handed out, titled Developing a Watershed Management Plan for Water Quality, explains the steps in good detail.

Bill asked for any applications that had not been turned in yet. He passed out the guidance to nested jurisdictions on how to determine if they have a regulated facility. The guidance had been e-mail to the group several weeks prior to the meeting.

Bill proposed a meeting for February 28, 2003 to have the group sign the completed applications. This meeting will be held at the Green Oak Township Hall at 9:00 - 10:00 AM. Copies of the applications will be given to the MDEQ (2), each community, Brian Jonckheere, and HRC.

### **Post-meeting Notes**

After the meeting concluded people handed in more applications directly to Bill and asked him questions.

**Next Meetings:        February 28, 2003, 9:00 AM, Green Oak Township Hall**

**April 11, 2003, 9:00 AM, Green Oak Township Hall**