

NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

July 11, 2006
Meeting Highlights

Location:

NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, Building 6, Suite 201, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ

Attendees:

Members: Ferdows Ali, Jim Cosgrove, Russ Furnari, Amy Goldsmith, Pamela Goodwin, George Hawkins, Mary Beth Koza, Steven Lenox, Tony McCracken Lou Mason Neely, Ray Nichols, Pat Pittore, Jessica Sanchez, Dan Van Abs, Ray Zabihach

Others: Larry Baier (DEP), Karen Cerra (AEA), Barabara Hirst (DEP), Jacob Gibs (USGS), Rick Kropp (USGS), Jon Zangwill (DRBC)

Meeting convened at 10:10 by Vice Chair Russ Furnari.

GUEST PRESENTATION BY DEP STAFF:

Barbara Hirst, Chief of the Bureau of Environmental Analysis and Restoration, Division of Watershed Management discussed the Preliminary Approaches to Developing TMDLs Due to Biological Impairments being developed by DEP. Biological monitoring has been conducted by DEP for over 15 years. Over 800 stations have been sampled once every five years, yielding three rounds of sample data. Results have been quite variable. Independent variables include: precisely where and when the samples are collected, and degree of classification of macroinvertebrates (family, genus or species). In addition, it has been shown that waterways in the Pinelands need to be analyzed differently than other muddy bottom streams. Therefore, assessment of the data is very complicated.

Barbara discussed how DEP has set very high standards for unimpaired streams based upon highest and best uses of fishable/swimable and drinkable. The goal is to return impaired streams to as close to pristine condition as possible.

Presentation by Ray Zabihach and Dan Van Abs on "Recommendations for Stormwater Utility Implementation in NJ"

Ray and Dan discussed the findings of a study done by CDM for Morris County about Stormwater Utilities as they have been set up and operated in other states. See handouts distributed on 6-12-06 & 7-11-06 for details.

OLD BUSINESS:

Planning for the annual CWC public hearing:

Two topics were discussed as possible subjects for the Annual Public Hearing scheduled for October 10, 2006: Preference was given to the WQMP Rules with backup being Stormwater Utilities. A committee was named to plan for the hearing, consisting of Tony McCracken, Pam Goodwin, George Hawkins, Amy Goldsmith, Mary Beth Koza, Russ Furnari, Ray Nichols and

Larry Baier. They would meet by telephone conference on August 8, in lieu of a regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

****THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2006, BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. ****

The Primary topic for discussion will be the CWC's upcoming Public Hearing