

WMA#4 PAC Meeting Minutes 11/11/04

Verona Park Boathouse

Education and Outreach

- The Environmental Endowment for NJ -
- The list of organizations asking for requests was reviewed
- The question was posed of how to progress further
 - * **Restoration Projects for WMA#4**(Environmental Endowment for NJ):
 - Working with Essex County on a project that included a seminar on stream and shoreline restoration run by the requesting organizations and the county
 - Possibility of grant money use to restore streams in backyards of community members
 - Obtain, with money from endowment, an urban enviroscape for education programs run by watershed ambassadors
 - Also part of endowment for local 7th grade teacher working on water quality
 - Montclair NJ Community Water Watch is applying for kiosks at public access points which can have new maps of the watershed and info about the rivers
 - *Where to go from here?
 - Contact (Write Letter or contact Tara) individuals from PAC or E&O committee
 - Tom will contact Tara
 - Russ will contact Ella
 - Liz has two applications
 - Veronica will contact Cara and professor
 - Liz will talk to Kirk
 - Veronica will send a letter to other interested groups
 - ***Visual Assessments** (Michelle)
 - Will also present at next meeting
 - Michelle discussed her plan for visual assessments and going out and working with others on it. Michelle has materials ready for people that want to do it and Cara (Watershed Ambassador) can do a training.
 - Michelle wants to make listings of “hotspots” for assessing in WMA#4
 - ***Updates**
 - E&O - Tom –
 - Work on WMA#4 Website, spice it up(Liz will discuss with Dr. Barret)
 - +possible grant to hire someone to run website?
 - +bulletin board link so people can update themselves?
 - Relay Race
 - +From WMA6 to WMA4 on May 28th with many cleanups

involved. Starting in Chatham ending in Pennington Park in Paterson.

- Bergen County Freeholders presentation (Wed. Dec. 1st)
 - +Ellie will present for 15 minutes at 5:45
 - +3-4 others should be there to show support
 - +talk focus on educating that they are in Passaic Valley not Hackensack
 - +Ellie talked to Bob Devita about boat launch at Elmwood Park and that there will be a rowing club at Elmwood Park
- TAC – Russ –
 - Will have info from USGS at PAC meeting
 - Talked about Quality Assurance Project Plan with Dr. Pardi
- Open Space – Michelle –
 - Open Space Mapping
 - + 3 maps incomplete(map for recharge and riparian zones and one other are incomplete)
 - +Open Space plan has been on hold
 - +Next step is to work with municipalities to get state plan in line with town plan
- NJDEP Update –
 - Najarian Consulting will be presenting how they are working with phosphorus and the Wanaque Reservoir
 - Watershed Management reorganization now called Bureau of Watershed Planning
 - Storm drain marking must be permanent
- Old & New Business**
 - Copies of Newsletter available at meeting and on internet.
 - Liz and Andy will give out to students
 - Ellie and Lisa worked on Newsletter
 - WMA4 received a formal approval letter from the parks service
 - Final topic where PAC should be in Dec, Jan, Feb
 - Ellie will check out a more northern destination
 - Possibly canceling TAC meeting for Nov. and Dec. and joining in with PAC.
 - Are we interested in having holiday party this season? Maybe have speakers from USGS for Dec. meeting otherwise
 - THE PASSAIC RIVER LOOKED CLEAN IN Newark THIS WEEK!!!!