

**ATTENDEES:** Veronica Craw, PVSC; Paul Bologna, MSU; Pat Rector and Michele Bakacs, NJDEP, Watershed Management; Dr. Marion McClary, FDU; Paul Russo, Bloomfield College; Jerry Mitchell, CAM Engineers; Russ Furnari, PSEG

**HANDOUTS:**

- **Agenda**
- **EPA pre-application for funding**
- **Fecal Coliform Sampling Plan**
- **Visual Assessment Assignment sheet**

If you were not at this meeting and would like a copy of any handouts, please contact Michele Bakacs at NJDEP, (609) 292-9247.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:**

- ◆ **TMDL Implementation Work Plan**
- ◆ **Priority Stream Segment Project 2004 and 2005**

Summary of Discussion:

Topic: Welcome and Introductions

Russ Furnari welcomed all members.

Summary of Discussion:

Topic: TMDL Implementation Work

- Pat Rector is no further.
- Pat received hard copy of 'Senior Practicum Final Report' from students at WPU and is trying to pull out relevant data.
- Wyckoff Env. Comm. is eager to participate in visual assessments
- There was discussion on the visual monitoring data sheets and accuracy of GPS units.
- It was suggested that WMA 4 try to hook up monitoring equipment to existing USGS stations.
- The QAPP for fecal monitoring was approved by NJDEP. Therefore, monitoring should begin. We went over the e-mail exchange between Pat and Marc Ferko relating to the QAPP. It is important to let Marc know the sample collection schedule so he can perform a field audit.

Summary of Discussion:

Topic: Stream Prioritization

- There may be more money for funding another PSS project. However, it may not be separate from the 2005 pot. WMA 4 is using the list server to exchange communications.
- We need to chose a stream segment and a grantee for the \$25K
  - \$5K for characterization and assessment
  - \$5K for monitoring
  - \$15K for plan (leading to 319 implementation)
- The general agreement from the PAC is to proceed with the Third River
- The PSS should be listed on the 303(d) list or have a TMDL.
- There are no USGS stations on the Third River
- Bloomfield College may act as grantee.
- There was a discussion of appropriate geographic endpoints.

Summary of Discussion:

Topic: Old Buisness

- Information depots...we should look into storing info at WPU, Bloomfield College and MSU
- The Passaic River Institute is looking into building a facility to act as a data depot for the PR watershed.
- What about a web site?

Summary of Discussion:

Topic: New Buisness

- Michele put together a pre-proposal for EPA funding
- 2 tiered Urban Watershed Training Program
- Requesting \$81,000

- Will partner with MSU, FDU, BC, and WPU
- This project will address the need to train local stakeholders on urban issues in watershed planning and TMDL implementation
- Tier I includes general courses targeted at stakeholders (how applied, how to interpret models)
- Tier II includes technical courses (mathematics behind models, field course)
- NJDEP is hoping to hire a coordinator to manage the grant.
- There will also be \$10K for stakeholder scholarships to attend these classes.
- Will know within 60 days if a proposal is requested

Conclusions/Actions:

- Trajectory meeting prior to next TAC on July 22 at 5pm for Executive Committee
- Paul R and Russ F will take field trip to Third River to define endpoints for PSS
- Pat will get Veronica the electronic visual assessment sheets
- Paul R and Dr. Pardi will notify Marc Ferko in advance of field sampling