



**Environmental and Stormwater Impact
Task Force**

Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2006

1:30-3:30 pm

Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

333-B Peterson Rd

Libertyville, IL 60048

1.0 Roll Call

- Warner, Mike, Chair (Lake County Stormwater Management Comm.)
- Anderson, James (Lake County Forest Preserve)
- Crivello, Steve (Lake County Dept. of Building and Zoning)
- Giertych, Al (Lake County Division of Transportation)
- Holleman, Bill (Lake County Conservation Alliance)
- Mengler, Jeff (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- Reed, Bud (Manhard Consulting)
- Slowinski, Tom (V3 Companies)

Alternates

- Belmonte, Ed (V3 Companies)
- Bland, Jim (Integrated Lakes Management – for Holleman)
- Cirton, Shawn (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- Laramy, Jeff (Lake County Stormwater Management Commission)
- Tack, Jon (Lake County Dept. of Building and Zoning)
- Stoehr, Peter (Manhard Consulting)

Staff

- Bosman, Tracey Hyatt (Lake County Partners)
- Rozema, Alison (Lake County Partners)

2.0 Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: to approve minutes of previous meeting

Motion By: Bill Holleman

Seconded By: Steve Crivello

Discussion: Bill Holleman brought up his confusion with the ranking system used for section 5.0 on previous minutes. It was discussed that a color ramp in red would be used, a dark red would indicate a higher propensity to a barrier while a light red would indicate a slim chance of a potential barrier. A

request was made to print the ranking groups. The request was granted and the printed sheets were handed out.

Also, Ken Klick needed to be added as Jim's alternate from the last meeting, as it was not correctly stated on the previous minutes.

Mike Warner suggested that, from here on out, there be a section "Additions to the Agenda" on each agenda. This section would be for items that needed to be discussed, but not actions would be taken.

Motion: to add "Additions to the Agenda" to future agendas

Motion By: James Anderson

Seconded By: Tom Slowinski

Discussion: None

Motion Passed: Unanimous with one abstention - James Anderson, who abstained due to his absence at the previous meeting.

3.0 Public Comment

A question was asked about the designation of highly permeable soils. James Anderson commented that anything beyond hydric soils are permeable. It was agreed that SMC would look into this in relation to the Route 120 Bypass. Bill brought up that it is possible to lose water discharge and there is a potential for aquifer contamination. James replied, asking if the taskforce should set a level indicating our stopping point, or an infiltration rank point. Mike decided it was worth investigating, and that he would look into this matter.

Nick (LCSWCD) suggested contacting Jim (NRCS) for that, because he can help with these distinctions.

It was brought up that information gets lost when categories are combined, and a suggestion was put out to create an atlas of these maps, along with a detailed description of class that is on the map. State significance could be a regulatory category. Mike stated that the map is there to keep things separate, hence why the color ranking was established. It was agreed that significance of specific sites needs to be illustrated in a detailed description within an atlas. Bill brought up questions about ADID wetlands, and the need to see where they are geographically. It was finally decided that a final CD would be made to distribute to the public. This would allow the public to orientate themselves with this project and allow them to see more maps containing a smaller geographic area.

Sue Zingle commented that the Environmental Task Force should classify Almond Marsh and the Heron Rookery as a barrier in accordance with what the Land Use committee had already decided. A discussion about Almond Marsh ensued, and it was decided to look at specific significant

sites along the proposed 120 Bypass to determine how they should be classified. The term “potential barrier” was established for some of these sites, including Almond Marsh.

4.0 Chairman’s Remarks - (Mike Warner, SMC)

4.1 Governance Board

Chairman Warner wanted Dave Young to provide a status report for the grant funding request.

4.2 Route 120 Corridor Open House

Chairman Warner commented that the Open House went well operationally, but he was disappointed in the news articles that were written because the road is not going through Almond Marsh. Essentially the committee has designated it as a potential barrier, but the road is not going through Almond Marsh considering it is shown in the darkest red, an area of avoidance.

Al thinks we are sending a very strong and consistent message. Mike wondered if the task force could reach a consensus on how to handle this. Bill brought in the public comments, stating that 92 out of the 150 mentioned the opposition to destroying Almond Marsh.

Mike commented that to be consistent with the Land Use Task force report, perhaps everything above a to-be-determined threshold ranking should be a potential barrier.

Jim made a point about the process we are in, and that we should look at sites individually and determine the necessity of avoiding them. Tom Slowinski said that each task force is looking at sites in a different way and focusing on different things, so just because Land Use Task Force has determined some things as barriers doesn’t mean that the Environmental Task Force has to agree.

Mike brought up that the heron rookery does not need to be brought up at every meeting. There are other things that need to be considered. It was agreed that a number should be decided on. Everything above that number was to be dubbed a potential barrier and a summary description to be provided. This would provide the consultant with information on specific sites, signaling the consultant to focus on the potential barriers instead of just the number ranking system.

Motion: to create a number in the future that will distinguish the potential barrier, and add this to the pie chart in the task force report

Motion by: Tom Slowinski

Seconded by: Bill Holleman

Discussion: None

Passed: Unanimous

4.3 Status of Feasibility Study Grant

Chairman Warner informed the task force that initial indications from Springfield are that project has been approved, question is when it will be announced.

4.4 New LCP Staff Designee

Ali Rozema has joined Lake County Partners as a summer intern. She will send out her Email address as soon as she has one.

4.5 Discussion of Barriers/Constraints/Opportunities as presented at Open House (Jeffrey Laramy, SMC)

Motion: to accept the task force's report as presented at the meeting with the previously discussed changes and additions.

Motion By: Al Giertych

Seconded By: James Anderson

Discussion: Changes to the draft packet made in blue and are attached to the minutes.

Passed: Unanimous

5.0 Future Meeting Schedule

5.1 Regularly scheduled task force meeting on Wednesday, July 26th from 1:30-3:30pm at offices of Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

5.2 Next Meeting moved to August 2nd, the first Wednesday of the month. This was due to multiple people stating that they would not be able to attend a July 26th meeting. Also, the meeting would need to be moved from 1:30-3:30pm to 1-4pm because of the amount that needed to be discussed.

6.0 Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 3:35pm

Motion By: James Anderson

Seconded By: Al Giertych

Discussion: None

Motion Passed: Unanimous