

Location: Farm & Home Center Training Room

**Voting Members Present:** Jeanne Sonntag, Marylou Barton, Jay Snyder, John Bingham, Cory Rathman, Mark Gutshall, Trudy Johnston

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Don Robinson, Don McNutt, Matt Kofroth, Kathy Shreiber, Tom Simpson (F&M, Millport Conservancy)

**Guests:** Michele Deller (Work Force Investment Board), Kara Kalupson (Lancaster Conservation District), Kent Gardner (LIMC)

**Minutes recorded by:** Angie Sowers

**Approval of Minutes-** John Bingham motioned to approve meeting minutes from October 19 Steering Committee as presented. Jeanne seconded, motion approved.

### *Committee Reports*

#### **Review of Strategic Objective Task Forces: Clean Water Consortium Summit- Mark Gutshall –**

- Mark reported that the Task 1 meeting is scheduled for Nov 3 at 12:30, Farm and Home Center; 15-18 key stakeholders will attend; facilitated by Dennis Auker; goal- find funding for next task (~\$1500), potential sponsors will be at meeting
- Cory and Mark will represent Consortium at State Senate Hearing on Nov 15 focused on flooding and stormwater; they will provide brief comments- 7 minutes between both Cory and Mark- Cory will give LCCWC intro- missions, goals, accomplishments; Mark will have bullets on more technical items- regional approaches, non-structural BMPs, options for benefit stackin,; credit trading ops, regulatory flexibility, and may mention stormwater resolution initiated in Lancaster
  - Provide Mark any concerns/issues; short turn-around time
  - Written testimony has been requested a day in advance- limited to 2 pages for each speaker
  - Senator Ted Erickson- called for public meeting and Senator MaryJo White- Environmental committee
  - Erickson has proposed Senate Bill on stormwater authorities
  - Jay highlighted connection between floodplain restoration and reduced flooding; stormwater management and reforestation increases infiltration and reduces flooding
  - Trudy made motion for Cory and Mark to represent Consortium and provide written comments to the Senate Committee, Marylou seconded, motion passed
  - Consortium will let Sen Smucker, Brubaker know that Consortium will be present; Trudy to notify Sen Fulmer

#### **Watershed Alliance/Watershed Strategies- Matt Kofroth**

- Watershed Forum held this past Sat
  - 90 signed up, and 75 showed up even with weather; one speaker was not able to make it
  - Matt thanked Consortium for funding
  - Successful; members commented that it was a good meeting
  - Interesting presentation from Octorara group- working in watershed for 40+ years; working with plain sect; another group doing restoration and has never had any grants- Fishing Creek group
- Mark commented that he became aware of a similar group focused on stormwater in eastern part of State and suggested to their representative that the two groups should discuss lessons learned and see how we can leverage interests; group represents 20 municipalities similar to LIMC; representative sits on Offset committee
- Kent suggested he will email the lead of PACOG and ask if there are other groups in the state that are focused on stormwater
- Marylou will request two seats on Offset committee- one for Consortium and one for LIMC

- Matt handed out 'Backyard Conservation' pamphlet- 4500 printed; available for residents, municipalities, Consortium for handout at events; electronic copy is on [www.lancasterwatersheds.org](http://www.lancasterwatersheds.org); Matt will provide Kent a box to handout at LIMC meeting
- Kent suggested having a 'Clean Water Show'; charge minimal entry fee and minimal fee for vendors; funds go to 'Clean Water'; could have educational and outreach; municipalities would be interested because they have an educational and outreach requirement; municipalities could only count it as their program if they are members- likely membership would increase because it would be more cost-effective than for a municipality to do its own education/outreach req.; could develop into a workshop; notify schools- maybe science classes get extra credit for attending
  - Marylou recommended that they will bring this up to education committee
  - Kent stated LIMC is going to do this so it would be a good partnership
- Matt stated that it is a good time to go out to Big Spring and view how project is working
  - Tom Simpson mentioned there is a website and will provide it to Angie

### **Membership/Sponsorship- Trudy Johnston**

- Angie will double check that most current membership form is on website
- Kent will print out and distribute at LMIC meeting on Nov 7
- Next steps- membership committee will focus on how to increase membership, handle renewals for 2012
  - Could this be combined with proposed letter to municipalities to request membership
    - Marylou and Dennis are meeting Nov 3 in the morning and will discuss this
    - Angie/Michele suggested for handling mailer
- Kent asked if a discount could be provided to southern COG group if all members of the COG join at once; he is meeting with southern COG in near future
  - Kent recommended looking at numbers of municipalities.; better with more numbers than income from membership; increase power for grants
  - Marylou made motion to provide 10% discount to governmental orgs that have a legal agreement to partner together, such as LIMC or COG groups, if all members joined at same time, John seconded, motion passed
  - At this point will not be added to membership form, but Kent will speak to it at next LIMC meeting and send out an email
- Scott and Cory will analyze membership lists from seminars

### **Stormwater Seminars- Cory Rathman**

- Kent offered to distribute seminar flyers to COGs
- Cory asked John to mention Nov 8 seminar at LCATS regional convention on Nov 7- John is sitting on stormwater panel- Kent and John will distribute Consortium brochure and membership form
- 15 signed up for Nov 8 seminar; 20 signed up for Nov 15 seminar

### **Education and Outreach- Dennis Groff - absent**

### **Marketing- Kathy Shreiber**

- four MU students working in Dr. DeRusso's marketing project
- Marylou made motion to get a \$20 gift cert to Mall for each of the 4 students as a thank you, Mark seconded, and motion passed
  - Kathy will purchase gift certificates and get reimbursed from Paula
  - Kent suggested some PR about this- good for MU and for Consortium- maybe a picture in the paper; Kathy will contact PR rep at MU and someone at the paper (maybe Dave O'Conner)

- Location of presentations- end of semester is hectic, Dr. DeRusso requested potential dates of meetings- Kathy will request Dec 7 meeting and give them the option of time between 3-5 (either at end or beginning of meeting)
  - Still needs to find out location of presentations if at MU
- Grocery stores
  - Kathy taking over for Mark- Mark's contact at Oregon Dairy is Vic Hearst, did not get too far, but Don M might be able to recommend a contact, Kathy will stop by and ask again
  - Still working on getting this off the ground and contacting grocery stores

**Ag Council Update- Don McNutt- absent at this point**

**Grants and Fundraising- Marylou**

- Chesapeake Bay Networking Group Capacity Building Grant submitted today for review by Jill

**Budget- Jay Snyder**

- Seminars- #1- 56 paid attendees, #2- 42 paid, #3- 75 paid for a total of \$6690; expenses = \$3528; net \$3161 (~47% profit)
  - Expenses are food, room, overhead, travel
  - Marylou requested Paula's hourly rate for assistance
- Jay deferred full report until next meeting

***Other Business***

**Develop By Laws or Operating Procedures- Trudy Johnston**

- Still a few more changes to make
- Living document so may be added to in future, but group is looking at it as broad framework
- Trudy raised issue of dismissal policy- language had been changed from 'shall' to 'may' to provide flexibility in policy
- Don R- not sure whether Foundation has authorized 'non-voting members' and whether they would have issues with that; Don R is supposed to appoint membership to Steering Committee
  - Don will ask Foundation if they have a concern with having 'non-voting members'
- Following up one more round of comments Don R will submit to Foundation for their review
- Jay asked about 5<sup>th</sup> bullet- 3 year term and 2 year limit; Kathy said that we may want to revise because it takes time to build up expertise; bullet will be revised to provide flexibility

***New Business***

**Lancaster County Stormwater Retrofit Assessment- Mary Gattis - absent**

**Public Relations- Sauder, Ink. Proposal- Marylou**

- Pending, still looking for past proposal

**Establishing a regular meeting schedule for DEP 2012 TMDL War Map**

- Marylou explained her vision of a 'war map'- map that shows all impaired streams and who has responsibility for taking care
- Mark suggested 'war' might not be the best choice- John suggested that we want DEP to come in and be interested, not confrontational
- Kathy suggested that MU students could take on a mapping effort- prime time for development of project for spring semester
  - Kent stated that LIMC has already started this effort- showing outfalls and possibly will include good riparian buffers

- Marylou asked that this be coordinated with Consortium so information needed by Consortium is included
- Group recognized that once you have the base map you can have various layers
  - Digester locations, stormwater BMPs
- Kara has a lot of mapping experience- what can Conservation District do- Kara's graduate work is in sustainable development
- Kathy and Kent to discuss efforts and see how they can coordinate
- Kent- Some very good maps and information may help impress DEP and promote faster permitting

### **Non-voting membership**

- Jeanne- contacted
  - 1) Leon Ressler- interested, but not sure of his availability- will provide yes/no in about a month
  - 2) Jay Parrish- state geologist, but very knowledgeable about water; Jeanne will provide Angie Jay's email so that minutes of past meetings can be sent to Jay; likely that he will participate; started GIS program for county

### **Miscellaneous**

- Trudy provided a report from PennFutures on nutrient trading- meeting tomorrow to introduce report
  - her impression is they missed the mark, they think too many credits are given to ag; Don R and Trudy disagree and think they don't give enough
  - Trudy will email report to group
- Trudy asked Angie to add Technology Committee to agendas
  - Committee needs to be populated so provide any recommendations or volunteers to Trudy
    - Jay is interested and volunteered
- Mark asked Tom for his role in Millport Conservancy
  - He coordinates all F&M activities at Millport
  - Works with legacy sediment researchers- Bob Walters and Dorothy Merritt; new researcher- Jason Covall- investigating why some restored wetlands work and others don't- looking at Banna, Millport, and Big Spring
  - Kent mentioned book on history of Conestoga River since 1700s
  - Mark recognized both F&M and MU for being at the table and providing access to great resources and knowledge
  - Tom discussed recent work Bob was involved with that showed that a significant portion of legacy sediments are lost in winter from various processes

### **Meeting concluded 4:45**

#### **Action Items**

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12. Kathy and Kent to discuss mapping efforts and see how they can coordinate
13. Jeanne to provide Angie Jay Parrish's email; Angie to forward Jay past minutes
14. Trudy to email PennFutures report to group
15. Angie to add Technology Committee to SC meeting agendas

**Handouts** – none

**Future Agenda Items**

1. Budget/finance report by Jay Snyder
2. Completion of Operating Procedures
3. Souder, Inc. PR proposal
4. Lancaster County Stormwater Retrofit Project

**Calendar of Future Events**

November 3- Summit- Task 1 meeting, 12:30 to 4 pm; Farm and Home Center  
November 8- Stormwater Seminar #4- Sustainable Stormwater Financing  
November 15- MS4 Workshop  
November 16- Clean Water Consortium Steering Committee Meeting  
December 2- Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council  
December 7- Clean Water Consortium Steering Committee Meeting  
December 15- Manure  
December 21- Clean Water Consortium Steering Committee Meeting

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February- Clean Water Consortium Summit