

Location: Farm & Home Center Training Room

Voting Members Present: Jeanne Sonntag, Marylou Barton, Jay Snyder, John Bingham, Mark Gutshall, DeeDee Maguire, Mark Johnson (left early)

Non-Voting Members Present: Don Robinson, Tom Simpson, Jay Parrish, Mary Gattis, Don McNutt

Guests: Kara Kalupson, Kent Gardner (LIMC), Mike LaSala (LIMC), Rob Ruth (City of Lancaster), Fritz Schroeder (LIVE Green), Bill McKean, Scott Sheely (Acting Exec Director of Ag Council)

Minutes recorded by: Angie Sowers

Approval of Minutes- Jay Snyder motioned to approve meeting minutes from November 16 Steering Committee with the corrections identified below. Jeanne seconded, motion approved.

1. The December 15, 2011 Manure Symposium has been postponed until March 6, 2012.
2. Correct misspelling of LMIC to LIMC.

AGENDA ITEMS

Lancaster County Stormwater Retrofit Assessment- Mary Gattis

- Project partners were Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) and Center for Watershed Protection (CWP)
- selected SW retrofit issues for project with these partners after looking at draft Water Resources Plan
- NFWF funding
- Provided training for citizens to identify retrofit opportunities- then 70 people looked at 35 potential sites throughout county for retrofits- identified 40 projects- goal is to get a demo project in each Lancaster County Planning region
- selected 1 project in Froelich Park in Mountville for design and construction- fixing outfall with stepfall design- construction slated for July 2012
- handed out list of projects and report
- County is interested in figuring out how to advance the other projects- range from parking lots retrofits to swales, etc.- need a comprehensive approach, someone to shepherd a program; how to take a holistic approach
- SRBC has talked with PennVest
 - Is Consortium interested in pulling together a proposal for PennVest?
 - Don McNutt asked who would submit application
 - Mary asked if Foundation could?; Don M. said, ownership would be problem
 - possibly SRBC
 - Jay asked if individual municipalities could submit
 - Mary stated that PennVest is difficult to deal with and costly administratively to work with which would likely limit municipalities from submitting individual applications
 - Don suggested that proposal should be at least \$250k for PennVest proposal
- John asked if stormwater committee should make decision/proposal to SC; Jay suggested watershed groups
- Don said Farm and Home Center is open to doing demo for BMPs in suburban areas on City side of building
- Mary- If Consortium is not interested or unable the assessment could be part of Strategic Plan that group wants to develop

- John asked if Mary is looking for the entity that takes this on to be a Project Manager; Mary replied- not necessarily, really looking for someone to coordinate effort
- Jay said that this is definitely something that the Consortium would like to do, but the Consortium does not now have the manpower to do it
- Mike LaSala- LIMC could handle it, possibly with Greenways and Park Agency, but projects would have to be approved by LIMC, would take at least a year though for implementation- about 1/3 of listed projects in LIMC region
- Don R. asked if money could be included in application for a project manager- Don M. said this is not likely if use PennVest because you can only request 4% administration funds and that will get used by application; possibility though in other applications; Jay said likely need 15-20% for administration
- Don M. suggested putting together an exec summary saying exactly what County wants and go to various groups such as NFW, PADEP (John Hines), and SRBC to request funding
 - Mary communicated that since Consortium now exists, County is trying to get out of projects and just do planning so is looking for Consortium to be involved in implementation
- Jay made motion to assign the assessment to the stormwater committee for a recommendation on how to proceed. DeeDee seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Tetra Tech Proposal- Mark Gutshall

- Mark provided update that intent of Tetra Tech involvement would be to help fund next steps of Summit Planning- requested funding for entire effort to achieve a WIP- aggressive
- DEP has a pot of money to provide; York County has received a portion; we are waiting for response to DEP- Mark thinks we will get funding, it is just a matter of how much
- Mark will provide an update to all those involved in first Summit meeting tomorrow
- Mary was at WIP management team and spoke to Pat Buckley- thought that request was ambitious and trying to figure out how much funding PADEP/EPA needs to keep for their own effort
- John asked Don if we are still within our mission- he stated yes, this is what we are supposed to do

EPA Urban Waters Small Grants- Marylou Barton

- original idea was to go after this for regional digester, but after meeting earlier this week now think it is better to go after venture capital- Epcot Crenshaw
- current approach- combine municipal and ag needs for a digester- and locate digester within a municipality that can use energy- already on grid-
 - there is a digester working in Ephrata
- multiple benefits of digester
 - energy savings- e.g. LASA plant- spending \$10k a month on energy- would lower these costs;
 - jobs- 60 per digester;
 - waste reduction;
 - odor control;
 - potential to offset fertilizer use (cost reduction to farmers);
 - storm water control- digester needs water- possibly able to direct stormwater into plant for use
- Kent identified that the only hold-up now is the need to get EPA/DEP to move

- Don M discussed permitting issue for marriage of ag at urban facility or in the reverse
- Ag Council has identified that digesters are a competitive advantage for Lanc County- economic boost for farms- new energy factories for County
 - DeeDee stated that these partnerships need to be better highlighted
- Marylou- Technology committee is moving on with this effort; invited Scott to provide a staff member for Tech committee; Charles Smith is on committee
 - Scott offered to have the Consortium voice their support for this at the manure symposium (in March)
- Kent shared idea that just need a few demo projects to get these efforts really moving
- Jay said County doesn't have a manure problem- the import of feed into the County is the problem; issue now is how to pay for it- gray infrastructure is expensive
- Mark asked what next step is- Trudy is going to convene tech committee- feasibility study to select location
 - DeeDee said Charles is moving ahead regardless of Consortium efforts- they have their own investment money, but are looking to partner with Consortium
 - Mark identified that the big plus for this effort is the partnership with a private entity- Consortium can market this partnership to others
 - John said this involves working with two sectors that we need more credibility with- ag and private
- Charles Smith has technology and science (microbiology) to fix non-operational digesters
 - Don M- Ag Council is being cautious- someone will attend March manure symposium that has reviewed 60 digesters to confirm Charles' claims of performance; also another gentlemen has been invited that is working on a federal grant to verify the claims of salesman
 - Farmers are interested in investing their private dollars, and Ag Council wants to provide some verification of performance
- Marylou has invited Susan Ranck of Kellogg's- Environmental Lead to be on Steering Committee
- Scott asked if Consortium would like to be a sponsor of the Manure Symposium- no money is needed- Jay made motion to collaborate with Ag Council of March 6 manure symposium, Marylou seconded, motion passed unanimously

Capacity Building Grant- Marylou Barton

- Submitted to Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT); pulled together by Jill Whitcomb and Don M. potential to receive \$50k of grants; if received, consultants will be provided to help with the capacity building
- Should have response by February/March
- Jay has agreed to be project manager
- A lot of networking goes on with this grant

Environmental Finance Center- Marylou Barton presented for Scott Hain (absent)

- JoAnne Throwe- Environmental Finance Center- arm of EPA, but centered at University of Maryland- she would like to assist us- will come to Lancaster County and do stormwater financing with a few municipalities- do feasibility report and advise municipalities on how to set up a sustainable stormwater financing program

- Marylou made a motion to move ahead with the proposal for the Environmental Finance Center to enable the Center to do stormwater financing with a number of municipalities; Jay and Jeanne seconded; passed unanimously
- At LCCWC's next meeting the group should identify what municipalities should be selected/ approached with opportunity- municipalities have to be a member of the LCCWC or join

Nutrient Credit Trading- Trudy absent

Memorandum of Understandings (MOU)- Marylou Barton presented for Trudy Johnston (absent)

- would like an MOU with LCCD and Ag Council to identify fees for service so that they can be accounted for appropriately in budget
- group was open to this idea
- DeeDee will look for samples of MOU letters

Membership related business

- Dennis Groff's membership letter to 60 municipalities
 - Mike LaSala provided a memo to municipalities covered by LIMC that they are covered under their membership to LIMC
 - Pending a vote- LIMC will be 2012 member of LCCWC
 - Dec 20- Kent will speak to COG at southern end of county regarding membership
- Membership renewal letters
 - Don M said we have some stationary templates; Cory pulled together some stationary for Senate hearing
 - Scott said that they can handle mailings
 - Angie will coordinate with Don M and Scott to get the renewal letters sent
- New Membership Chair
 - Need energetic person, maybe Heather Valudes
 - Will discuss at next meeting
 - There was a committee with membership, but as fallen apart a bit

Nominations for non-voting steering committee members- Marylou Barton presented for Trudy Johnston

- The following were nominated:
 - Fritz Schroeder, LIVE Green
 - Charlotte Katzenmoyer, City of Lancaster
 - Matt Royer, Lower Susquehanna Initiative
 - Matt Kyle, LASA
- DeeDee made a motion to appoint these 4 as non-voting members, Jeanne seconded, motion passed.
- Don M. and Scott Sheely will propose idea of Ag Council providing a representative to serve as a non-voting member at Ag Council meeting on Dec 8 and look for a volunteer

Meeting format for 2012- all

- Marylou made a motion to have one meeting on first Wednesday of month from 3-5 pm with committee meetings in between, Jeanne seconded, Jay S. opposed, all others in favor; motion passed.
- John recognized Dave Wauls efforts in getting group on track and making meetings more productive
- Angie will provide a summary of committee updates each month
- Don M. asked about meeting space for 2012- group only has small conference room reserved through 2011- consider Multi-purpose room because group is growing and current room may become too crowded
 - Mark asked if there would be a cost for different room- Don said \$60
 - Don will double check on costs and availability of other rooms
 - Meeting space at other buildings may be available, but central location and free parking of Farm and Home Center are big incentives to remain at Farm and Home Center

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Millersville University Student presentations

- Marylou, John, Heather Valudes attended presentations on Dec 6, 2011 as well as a representative of local Audubon chapter
- Student recommendations:
 - identified Consortium needs to associate our name with the right keys we will draw more people into our group
 - There is a positive in connecting to Chesapeake Bay
 - suggestions for logo
 - Public communications should be focused on our core mission
 - Need to be able to answer 'Who cares?'

Clean water quality database- Jay Parrish

- Jay met with DCNR, DEP, USGS about a statewide baseline clean water quality database- only have half a million dollars to do this statewide; what they really need is for pressure to be put on government officials to express need/that this is an important issue
- Marylou asked what the difference is between ongoing SRBC monitoring and these proposed efforts- Jay said that SRBC efforts are more focused on identifying drastic events/damage not establishing baseline
- Marylou suggested meeting with legislatures in February
 - Kent has a January meeting that he will put Marylou on agenda to speak with Brubaker
- Don M. has received a NFWF grant of \$53k to do this for County- Kara to present at next meeting

GIS- Jay Parrish

- Met with MU- they can put an interactive map on our website
 - We just need to identify what data we want on the website
 - Can start next semester; product would not be finished by the end of the semester
 - Mike LaSala interested in having MU working on it for long-term
- Jay P. has established a need for base data- ortho, streams, streets, what else?
 - watershed boundaries, municipal boundaries
 - outfalls- some municipalities have these mapped

- Jay suggested we need a small group to work with Jay to identify goals, what data we want to share
 - Mary suggested that we take another look at mission that was laid out for our efforts for the next year and whether it is worth the effort
 - What information do we need mapped and is pertinent to goals for 2012
 - Marylou- keep it basic- impaired streams, watershed alliances, etc.
- Marylou made a motion to allow Jay Parrish to proceed in convening a committee to investigate watershed mapping with MU, Jeanne seconded, motion passed unanimously
 - Marylou volunteered to be involved
 - Angie suggested the Matt Kofroth needs to be involved based on his GIS mapping efforts

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Lancaster County Assoc. of Realtors send a \$500 check- Mark was original contact with them and he will contact them to determine whether this is a membership or donation

Don Robinson communicated that the Foundation has received a \$2k grant through the Foundation for PA watersheds to support Consortium work in advancing quality of the environment

Scott Sheely (speaking for Work Force Investment Board)

- Board has funding to be able to hire unemployed to do flood clean-up; has a crew of 35 people- able to do work on municipal property to address flood damage; looking into whether they can do work on farms to rebuild riparian fences or in streams; Scott is looking for work opportunities for the crew- ready to work in 2012- hopefully enough work to keep them working through April- has over \$500k to spend- call Scott with any projects- 735-0333
 - Mark said there may be opportunity to fix CREP projects that were damaged- fix tubes on tree that got bent over
 - They have own equipment and some money for materials
 - Tom Simpson said there was a lot of damage in County Central Park; Mary said Speedwell Forge had a lot of damage- Mary will check with County
 - Rip-rap around bridges

Mark proposed item for Jan meeting- should Consortium hire an Executive Director- Consortium efforts are increasing, becoming involved in many areas

- Will need to request option to hire someone through Foundation
- How to fund
- Don M. stated that Capacity Building Grant may help identify need and next steps
 - Consider whether Consortium should be its own 501c

Reminder that budget will be on monthly agendas

Action Items

1. Stormwater committee- review Lancaster County Stormwater Retrofit Assessment and make a recommendation to the SC on how Consortium should proceed with this effort.
2. Mark G. will provide an update on the Tetra Tech proposal to all those involved in first Summit meeting .

3. Consortium will help sponsor Manure Symposium and communicate support for digesters
4. DeeDee McGuire- provide MOU examples.
5. Angie coordinate with Don M. and Scott Sheely to have membership renewal letters sent
6. Don M. will check on costs and availability of other rooms for monthly meetings in 2012.
7. Contact Scott Sheely with any opportunities for flood damage-related help through Work Force Investment Board- 735-0333.
8. Marylou Barton to coordinate with Kent Gardner regarding presenting need for clean water quality baseline/database at January 2012 meeting with Senator Brubaker
9. Jay Parrish to convene a GIS committee to investigate watershed mapping with MU.

Handouts

1. Lancaster County Stormwater Retrofit Assessment Report and project list

Future Agenda Items

1. Budget
2. Identify municipalities for work with Environmental Finance Center
3. Kara Kalupson to present on LCCD's NFWF grant to establish clean water baseline/database for Lancaster County

Calendar of Future Events

2012

January 4- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center
February 1- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center
March 6- Manure Solutions for Smaller Farming Operations, Farm and Home Center, 9 am - 3pm
March 7- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center
April 4- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center
May 2- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center
June 6- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center
July 4 ???- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center
August 1- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center
September 5- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center
October 3- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center
November 7- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center
December 5- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center