

**Location:** Farm & Home Center

**Voting Members Present:** Kent Gardner, Dee Dee McGuire, Scott Hain/Cory Rathman, Mark Gutshall, Jay Snyder

**Non-Voting Steering Committee Members Present:** Mark Johnson, Kara Kalupson, Mary Gattis, Matt Kofroth, Heather Valudes, Mike Kyle, Jeff McNesby, John Bingham

**Guests/Members:** Andy Wishart

**Approval of Minutes-** Cory made a motion to accept minutes as presented, Jay seconded, motion approved unanimously (Dee Dee abstained)

**Minutes recorded by:** Angie Sowers

### ***AGENDA ITEMS***

#### **Budget- Jay Snyder**

- A few small bills this past month.
  - ACTION- Jay will provide summary by email.
- Kent stated that there will be a few bills this month associated with TetraTech work

#### **Replacement of Steering Committee Members- Kent Gardner**

- Dennis Groff and Marylou Barton have resigned
  - Action- Angie update SC list on webpage
  - Marylou will remain active on current projects
    - Mark asked if this was OK for her to remain as co-chair if not LCCWC member; Dee Dee stated that it shouldn't be a problem because others are involved with project that are not Consortium members
- Kent suggested Angie Sowers and Scott Hain as replacements
  - For clarification- if Scott is made a full voting member, Cory Rathman will have a full vote
- Kent asked group to email him any other suggestions for voting members
- Jay asked who in County is missing representation in Consortium
- Mark G would like to see a balance between private and public sector representatives
  - ACTION: Angie will provide summary of public/private participation on Steering Committee.

#### **TetraTech Update- Mark Gutshall**

- Conference call in early November- well attended
- Dec 19- next Strategic Action Plan team meeting
  - Dennis Auker- Project Manager- is working with TetraTech to develop data and maps for this working meeting
  - TetraTech will attend
  - Goal is to look at data and come to some agreement on identifying priority BMPs and locations in the county where those BMPs are most suited
- Following that meeting the group will be working to keep TetraTech on schedule through April to crunch the data
- Kent asked when summary report/data will be available- Mark G stated this will be April, but will get a better idea after the data is presented at meeting
  - EFC recommendations are due in the summer- Kent proposes that we have a seminar/follow-up presentation following the culmination of these efforts

- Cory stated that EFC will need to be coordinated with municipalities to make sure they are prepared to share results
- Bottom line- there will need to be separate presentations of these 2 efforts
- Dee Dee informed the group that Commissioner Leahman has agreed to participate- he is unavailable for Dec 19 meeting, but Mary Gattis will represent County at meeting

#### **Stormwater Financing Update- Cory Rathman/Scott Hain**

- Nov 20 meeting for all municipalities to discuss outreach opportunities and strategies
  - Identified groups for communication of project efforts
  - Has reached out to County Community staff- productive meeting- County is going to provide data that is much needed
  - Worked on logo
  - Project is on schedule
- County has developed model storm water ordinance- PADEP included no design guidelines- storm water committee is coordinating a design template for all municipalities to use so there is uniformity
  - Schedule is to complete by February to have it included with ordinance
  - Good participation from municipality engineering staff
  - Meeting every 2 weeks
  - LCATS (Lanc County Assoc of Township Supervisors) is providing some financial support for those doing the writing work
    - Les ?? would like document presented at March LCATS meeting
  - Jeff McNesby offered to participate- County is working on similar effort internally
  - Mary recognized efforts of Scott and Cory to undertake this; they have pulled together a great team and are doing a great job

#### **Coordination of Project Mapping (GIS)- Matt Kofroth/Matt Royer**

- Postponed for future meeting

#### **Little Conestoga NFWF- Matt Kofroth**

- Project has received reimbursement funds and advance funds- will be able to provide support for those developing Homeowners Guide and other tasks

#### **LCCD Activities- Matt Kofroth**

- LCCD is reaching out to educators and has put together a calendar that hits on watershed concepts and protection activities as well as curriculum standards for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)- HANDOUT

#### **Determine Consortium's role in implementation of Blueprints- Kent Gardner**

- Follow-up on discussion from last meeting
- Kent- with Consortium's current work- TetraTech, Little Conestoga, EFC, and upcoming seminars the Consortium is maxed out given an all volunteer organization
- John B asked what actual help County needs
  - Mary- #1- main thing they are looking for is whether LCCWC is interested in acting as a host for the storm water professionals peer network- not something that will start in near term- at least 6 months out from Blueprints adoption
    - With current work going on and relationships that are being developed that it would make sense
    - Scott stated that the group that is convened now has discussed continuing periodic meetings for professional discussions

- If it would be more formal, we would have to discuss the format
- Kent asked about professional liability and that that is a concern because LCCWC or Foundation would be responsible for guidance, etc. that would be produced
- Mary at this point, just wants to just know if it is a possibility that she should continue to pursue; really only needs to know if it is a definite 'NO' at this time
- Cory- LCCWC should be involved, but concerned about hosting a formal group without staff
  - Mary said that group is making an assumption that there will be no staff, but that this is a potentially fundable effort- What resources would be needed?
  - Dee Dee asked if County has ideas of potentially funding? Mary stated that County does not have the funds.
  - Jay stated that LCCWC is not in a position to take on a sustainable position because we are a volunteer organization
  - Kent – this is why we wanted to be a supporter not an implementer- we need to continue to do a high quality job so that we are in position to obtain future grants and work
  - Mary – trying to understand where LCCWC thinks it is going in future? She understands resource and time constraints.
- John- what exactly is County looking for an 'implementer' to do?
  - Mary- Plan specifically calls for a storm water peer network for individuals to consult with on a periodic basis- goal is to make engineers more comfortable with alternative approaches – help to facilitate efforts of municipal engineers
- Mary suggested that for now she will continue to work to develop ideas and explore other avenues; she will stay in touch with Cory and Scott to see how this evolves
  - Goal is to have a host organization identified by March (6 months from Blueprints adoption); not to have all details figured out
- Mary reaffirmed that the great work LCCWC is doing is implementing Blueprints
- Education efforts (#2 effort for LCCWC in Blueprints) are being discussed through the group identified at November meeting
  - Mary is looking to pull together that group to chart out education and outreach for 2013 prior to end of Dec
    - goal is to give people understanding of educational opportunities in 2013
- Stormwater BMP implementation (#3 effort for LCCWC in Blueprints)- Mary said we don't need to further discuss this; as LCCWC works on BMPs these can be coordinated and included in inventory

#### **2013 LCCWC Meeting Schedule- Kent Gardner**

- Cancelled Jan 2 meeting
- Maintain 1<sup>st</sup> Wed, 3-5 pm through 2013
  - ACTION- Kent verify this is OK with building management

#### **LIMC Update- Mike LaSala- Mike was absent**

- Kent- Froelich Park project is continuing; will be constructed this spring rather than fall
  - BMP demonstration site that came out of the Center for Watershed Protection, LCPC, SRBC project
- BMP manual for garages has been developed- working on scheduling a workshop for road managers, etc.
- A mailer is being developed for education and outreach associated with MS4s- directed at residents

#### **Support for grant applications of Conestoga CC and Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance– Kent Gardner**

- Kent has been working on project on Conestoga CC property to manage storm water with rain gardens, streambank restoration, and infiltration- intending to submit an application for a Growing Greener Grant in July 2013- Kent asked if LCCWC would support this grant
  - Kent working with Conestoga CC to use greener fertilizer and has reached out to Audubon Society to be a Audubon site
  - Engineers report due in January
  - Matt K thinks it is a good project, but wants to point out that there are tree canopy goals that cannot be addressed by a golf course and wants to caution that he wouldn't want everyone to think golf courses are the best approach
    - 50 ft buffers need to be maintained
  - Jay and Mark G discussed that we need to keep in mind the mission of LCCWC to support watershed groups
  - Mary- how will/should prioritization of BMPs from TetraTech impact LCCWC showing support for projects and groups
    - Mark G- we should be more inclusive rather than exclude groups not in prioritization
      - Matt K- Possibly 'partner' with high priority groups/areas and just show support for those not in high priority areas
    - Mary- County is going to be more selective about their resourcing
    - Jay agrees with Mark that we should show wide support
  - Dee Dee- this doesn't need to be heavily scrutinized; we can provide a letter of support for valid projects
  - Group agreed to provide a letter of support- ACTION item- unassigned

#### ***NEW BUSINESS/UPDATES***

- PACOG (LIMC is part) is having a State convention in Lancaster- first weekend after Labor Day (Sept 7-8)
  - Kent has some ideas for educational demonstrations
    - LCCD and GIS mapping tool with MU mapping
    - Mark G and Big Springs project

#### **Watershed Group updates**

- Kent is consistently attending Chiques Watershed meetings and they are considering having a watershed expo- maybe at Leiderkrantz and held jointly when Leiderkrantz is doing streambank restoration work
- Kara- Pequea
  - continuing with Big Beaver assessment- documenting conditions in 3 mi stretches at a time
  - This year is focused on planting 200 trees and increasing education of school children
- Jay- Cocalico watershed
  - Jay- Knoll Farm on Silverdam Road- dam full of sediment and breached dam; some stabilization efforts made but Cocalico watershed group is going to help with a tree planting- doing cuttings due to funding- it is a mucky area but hopeful it will be successful
- Mike Kyle- Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance
  - Discussing having a second kick-off for NFWF project, possibly associated with a tree planting; a past president is with Landmark Industries and they are doing a tree planting in lieu of Christmas gifts

**Meeting adjourned at 4:15**

**HANDOUTS**

1. STEM calendar developed by LCCD

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Jay will provide budget summary by email.
2. Angie update SC list on webpage
3. Angie will provide summary of public/private participation on Steering Committee.
4. Kent will verify the meeting room is available for 2013 with building management
5. Provide a letter of support to Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance for Conestoga Country Club Growing Greener Grant application- unassigned

**Future Agenda Item**

1. Coordination of Project Mapping (GIS)

**Calendar of Future Events**

2013

February 6- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center  
March 6- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center  
April 3- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center  
May 1- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center  
June 5- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center  
July 3- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center  
August 7- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center  
September 4- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center  
October 2- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center  
November 6- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center  
December 4- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center