

**Dorchester County WIP, Phase II Local Team Meeting**  
**Dorchester/Cambridge Airport 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**  
**November 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Mike Moulds - Dorchester County DPW (Local Team Leader)

Mike Bonsteel - Dorchester County Planning and Zoning

Jen Dindinger – Choptank Tributary Team

Bill Edwards - Dorchester County Farm Bureau

Bill Forlifer – Dorchester County Health Department

Beth Ann Lynch - Dorchester Citizens for Planned Growth

Visitors:

Beth Barbush – Maryland Humanities Council

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- Minutes – approved.
  - Handouts
    - October Meeting Minutes.
    - November 15<sup>th</sup> Council Presentation.
    - November 11<sup>th</sup> Revised MAST Loadings.
    - Draft WIP Narrative.
  - Announcements
    - revised MAST numbers.
      - Mike M: baseline nitrogen went up.
      - Changes made to more accurately reflect recent bay model
      - Allocations have not changed. Significant impact on Agriculture and Urban Sectors.
  - Reports on prior month presentations
    - County Council presentation 11/15/11
      - No comments
    - Attorney General’s audit
      - Very little discussion of TMDL at Council’s office (Marydel issue prevalent).
      - Some discussion on concerns (Jim N. and Beth L. present) at Horn Point Lab afternoon meeting.
  - Banner article on Hurlock
    - Suzanne Dukes contacted Mike M. about concerns of a wastewater connection with Hurlock. Article referenced request by Hurlock to use funding for Secretary upgrade to connect to Hurlock plant. End of article referenced WIP efforts.
  - Mike M. and County Manager discussed possibility of work session with County Council.
  - Beth from Barbush was introduced. She is sitting in on meeting to learn about local TMDL process.
    - Organization focusing, this year, on one general topic and one geographical area of Maryland.
    - Still in the concept phase on a project to help with public dialog on TMDL Planning.
    - Mike M: we hear a lot of gloom and doom on the effects of the TMDL.
    - Jen D: then there’s the other, environmental, side.
    - Bill E: until the information is personal, there is no ownership or interest.
      - example: no-till is great but now MDA wants manure incorporation
    - Mike M: we’ve got to get the information, numbers out there sooner, rather than later.

- Jen D: why is the State WIP comment period before the local WIP comment period? Because they are the one with a deadline.
  - Beth B: consider public commentary thru the use of website, County Council meetings, any studies, Water and Sewer Plan update.
- Discussion of cost estimates
  - Costs are preliminary budget and subject to change.
  - Request made to MDE on determination of impervious/pervious areas to help focus on more specific urban BMP development and cost.
    - Need information to sit down with Hurlock and Greg L.
    - Example: Pink's Pond and Preston Autoplex pond retrofits for stormwater treatment.
    - Mike M will follow-up with Keith L.
  - Septic treatment: Need to look at more detailed costs (more of an implementation practice).
  - Draft WIP dealt with septic, stormwater, but it is important to bring in agriculture costs. Bill E: MDA has no idea how to meet goal.
  - We have to pull the whole picture together to get an idea of the total cost to Dorchester County.
  - For example what are the costs for the industrial upgrades that MDE handles/requires?
  - Jen D: did we get an answer on the minor WWTP question?  
Mike M: the allocation is spread throughout the State.  
Jen D: are the minor WWTP numbers included in the Dorchester requirement?  
Mike M: yes, but we want credit to go to the County as an urban BMP.  
Only five unnamed minor WWTPs are listed in the State Phase 1 WIP, so it is important to get in line first for funding.
  - Jen D: we should look into grants.
- Information Needs Requests
  - Get MDE to provide better data on how MAST input data was developed.
- Finalize 2-Year Draft Milestones for Submission to MDE
  - Discussion of Town of Secretary's concerns.
    - Bill F: asked around and no one seemed to know about the Hurlock project.
    - Mike M: Suzanne Dukes implied funding was for plant replacement.
    - Mike M: draft milestone only recommended evaluating a Twin Cities – Hurlock connection.
    - Bill F: in order to expand, they would need to provide BNR and the plant is owned by Secretary so difficulties could arise. Alternatively, East New Market could work with Hurlock.
    - Discussion is on meeting urban nutrient reduction by minor WWTP upgrades.
    - Jen D: rephrasing could fix concerns.
    - Mike M: suggest making similar to Vienna language.
    - Bill F: that way the connection is an option, but not explicit.
    - Mike M: MDE will typically request an evaluation of alternatives prior to funding upgrades.
    - Bill F: MDE will request an update of the Water and Sewer Plan.
    - Agreement to revise draft milestone to delete reference to Hurlock connection and just propose evaluation of upgrading minor plants to ENR.
  - Draft Phase 2 information prepared by Mike M. to meet November 18<sup>th</sup> deadline using new numbers.
    - Group to review and evaluate for next meeting.
    - Correction of MALPF misspelling on page 4 suggested by Bill E.

- Correction of Twin Cities – Hurlock connection language will be made.
  - Bill F: MDE may be going to reduction of loads based on discharge permits.
  - Bill E: question about acreage in agriculture. 114,886 versus 90,000 acres in active farming?
  - Mike M: We are using the number provided by from MDP with caveat from Jim N. regarding land actively farmed.
  - Jen D: what number will be used?
  - Mike B: important because land in timber harvest could reduce agriculture numbers.
- Next meeting December 20<sup>th</sup>

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END OF MINUTES

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Moulds