

**Dorchester County WIP, Phase II Local Team Meeting**  
**Dorchester/Cambridge Airport 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**  
**January 25, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Mike Moulds - Dorchester County DPW (Local Team Leader)  
Jen Dindinger – Choptank Tributary Team  
Bill Edwards - Dorchester County Farm Bureau  
Beth Ann Lynch - Dorchester Citizens for Planned Growth  
Greg LeBlanc – City of Cambridge

Visitors: Erik Fisher – Chesapeake Bay Foundation

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- December Minutes – approved.
- Handouts
  - December Meeting Minutes.
  - SB236 provided by Bill Forlifer for review. Will send out to group.
- Announcements
  - Mike M. has emailed Jim George at MDE to request list of 10 major minor WWTP's targeted for upgrade. Want to get Twin Cities and Vienna on preferred funding list.
  - Clean Water, Healthy Families press release distributed by Beth L shows Maryland citizens are in favor of paying more for clean water.
  - Beth L. reported Cambridge received a grant to redo zoning in conjunction with comp plan update. City is working with Chris Jakubiak. City has formed citizen groups – one for zoning sustainability; one for downtown/waterfront. Beth L. would like to recruit more citizens to participate in helping determine the future of Cambridge. Next meeting is Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. at City Council chambers, which is one hour prior to City zoning meeting. Draft re-zoning is due by Sept. 30. A website is being developed for the citizen groups. Beth L. is on the zoning sustainability group and can represent the WIP team.  
The groups are interested in form-based zoning, which helps maintain existing character of the City. Any data developed by this process would be helpful for the WIP team to see so the Team can assess where credit can be given for reductions.
- Feedback from Council Work Session on 1/24/12
  - As report gets finalized there is a need to build in language to address questions that come up.
  - Create a document that is informative to the general public.
  - The idea for a tracking system was received favorably by Council.
  - Also need to address public education efforts.
  - One outstanding issue is how to address jurisdictional issues between County/City with regard to SWM projects in the city. The County creates the WIP plan and coordinates the plan but the City would ultimately be responsible for implementing stormwater projects within the City. Grants will be available to both entities.
  - Need an agricultural component to be included in County plan to demonstrate that everyone is contributing to bay clean up. MDA working on ag reductions from a basin level, not at the County level anymore. There is interest in what the ag breakdown is for Dorchester. Jim Newcomb provided some information to Council on 1/24 but we would like to have nutrient reduction numbers with that information.

- Follow up
    - Mike will check with Keith to see if the State will be providing comments on the local plans.
    - Please provide any comments on the State Plan so they can be submitted during the public comment period.
    - Need to determine how to engage other private groups that are doing restoration projects so that all projects can be given credit in MAST.
    - In consideration of 2012 milestones capital budget needs to consider watershed planning. Interest in getting consultants to review stormwater options, land use, identification of BMP opportunities, feasibility for septage districts.
    - Jen D. will check with MDDNR to see if County gets credit for TMDL for State tree planting program in the County.
    - Bill E. suggested it might be helpful to give Council a list of questions, so that the Team can move forward. Might need to spend some time building support among staff of the County/City as well as elected officials. Ask them for alternatives if Team suggestions are not suitable.
    - Need to clarify role of State/County with environmental health towards implementation of septic BMP's.
    - Need to develop administration and funding proposals for consideration in finaling the Local Plan.
  
  - Public Outreach
    - Daily Banner article – Beth will check on when that is to run.
    - How can we improve liaison with conservation sector? Value in obtaining grant support, potential sites for forest restoration projects, tracking credit for wetland restoration projects.
    - Daily Times article about \$1M for wetland creation – not sure who is running that project. Would be good to know the scope of the project to get credit, site is in the Chicamicomico drainage area. Beth and Bill to check their records for the article and check with ESLC.
    - Mike M., Beth L. and Jim N. to work with Logan from the Daily Banner regarding his request to put together a feature news article for the Banner.
    - Mike M. met with the Mayors of Secretary and East New Market along with the Sanitary District. They are in favor of going to ENR with their plant. County Local Team can try to support their efforts to get grant funding.
  
  - Upcoming events
    - Bill E. noted Thursday Jan 26, 5-7 pm at Atlantic Tractor. Agriculture information session on TMDL's, hosted by Chamber of Commerce, Business After Hours.
    - Beth L. noted Jan. 29, 3-5 p.m. at Cambridge Historical Society – DCPG fifth annual meeting. Environmental Stewardship Award will be presented. Russ Brinsfield is keynote speaker.
    - Mike M. will be out Feb. 6-17 for bridge inspection training.
  
  - Next meeting February 22nd
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END OF MINUTES

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Moulds