

Dorchester County WIP, Phase II Local Team Meeting
Dorchester/Cambridge Airport 9:00 am to 10:30 am
May 30, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Mike Moulds - Dorchester County DPW (Local Team Leader)

Jen Dindinger – Choptank Tributary Team

Bill Forlifer – Dorchester Co. Health Department

Janice Henderson – Dorchester Planning and Zoning

Bill Edwards - Dorchester County Farm Bureau

Beth Ann Lynch - Dorchester Citizens for Planned Growth

Greg LeBlanc – City of Cambridge

- April Minutes – approved.

- Handouts
 - April Meeting Minutes.
 - Proposed Phase II WIP
 - MDE Comment Response Letter 5/8/12
 - MDE Supplemental WIP Strategies
 - Septic System Legislation

- Announcements
 - Mike and Bill F. are attending a MACo Environmental Retreat in Anne Arundel County on Friday, June 3.
 - Mike and Beth are doing a presenting on the Dorchester WIP to the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce on June 6.
 - Mike is attending a mid shore planners meeting hosted by ESLC on June 4th.
 - Jen is attending ESLC’s annual planning conference on Friday, June 8.
 - Janice Henderson is the new representative from County Planning and Zoning.

- Plan Discussion
 - Greg LeBlanc – City is considering doing the Oak Hill septic system connection (70 systems) project instead of waiting to get funding from MDE.
 - Review of MDE Webinar on May 23. Webinar mainly provided a recap of planning and review of MAST improvements.
 - 2012-2013 County budget: Submitted a \$150,000 capital request for WIP implementation. No County funds were allocated for WIP implementation.
 - State did respond in a letter from MDE to Dorchester County questions. Copy of letter was provided.
 - A list is available in the State WIP Appendix A of 10 minor WWTPs slated for ENR upgrade; Twin Cities is on the list. State will focus on at least five – not clear which five will be targeted. Sharptown WWTP is also included. Maybe an opportunity to include Vienna if Sharptown does not make progress. Will require County to be proactive.
 - Consequences for noncompliance still quite general.
 - Received some comments from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation on the plan narrative.
 - Will update some stock photos if possible to include scenes of Dorchester.

- Supplemental Strategies: Handout provided. Page 10 – State took the Dorchester Co. interim strategy and made adjustments to correct for not meeting goals on the urban side. This is because the MAST software does not recognize credit being requested for CSO removal and minor WWTP upgrade credit toward stormwater nutrient reduction.
- No significant change in septic management strategy.
- 7,765 acres identified for urban nutrient management according to the state, but County not certain there are that many acres available for that practice.
- Similar concerns with agricultural BMPs State built in 490 additional acres of land retirement.
- Overall, the biggest concern about what the state is sending to EPA for Dorchester County as it relates to the urban BMP goals.
- We will send the final proposed plan to County Council and request time on the agenda at the June 5th meeting. A public comment period on the County Phase II WIP will be requested.

- NFWF Grant
 - Submitted grant applications from County and City. NFWF requested an expanded scope of work from County. CWP provided this for the County. Many applications were received for this grant so there is no timeline available right now for hearing back.

- Septic System regulations
 - Change in current legislation – Title 26 MDE; subtitle 4 Regulation of water supply, sewage disposal, and solid waste.
 - Only deals with nitrogen reduction in septic systems. Change adds the requirement that all new construction in CB watershed and Atlantic Coastal Bays watershed would have Best Available Technology (BAT) nitrogen reduction units. Doesn't require repairs outside Critical Area to have N reduction system. This was not in regulation before, it was only in law. Adds definitions of items (i.e. BAT) that weren't previously defined in the law.
 - Will most likely get published in the Register for a comment period.

- Public Outreach
 - Mike still can't get on the County website to update the WIP team page. Janice will work with Mike to post the updated documents.

- Upcoming events
 - Presentation to Cambridge Chamber of Commerce on June 6th by Mike and Beth
 - Eastern Shore Planning Meeting June 4th to compare progress.
 - Proposed WIP Plan advertised public comment period from June 5th to July public hearing date.

- Next meeting County Council Meetings June 5th, July 3rd

END OF MINUTES

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Moulds