

Public Participation Process & Meeting Minutes

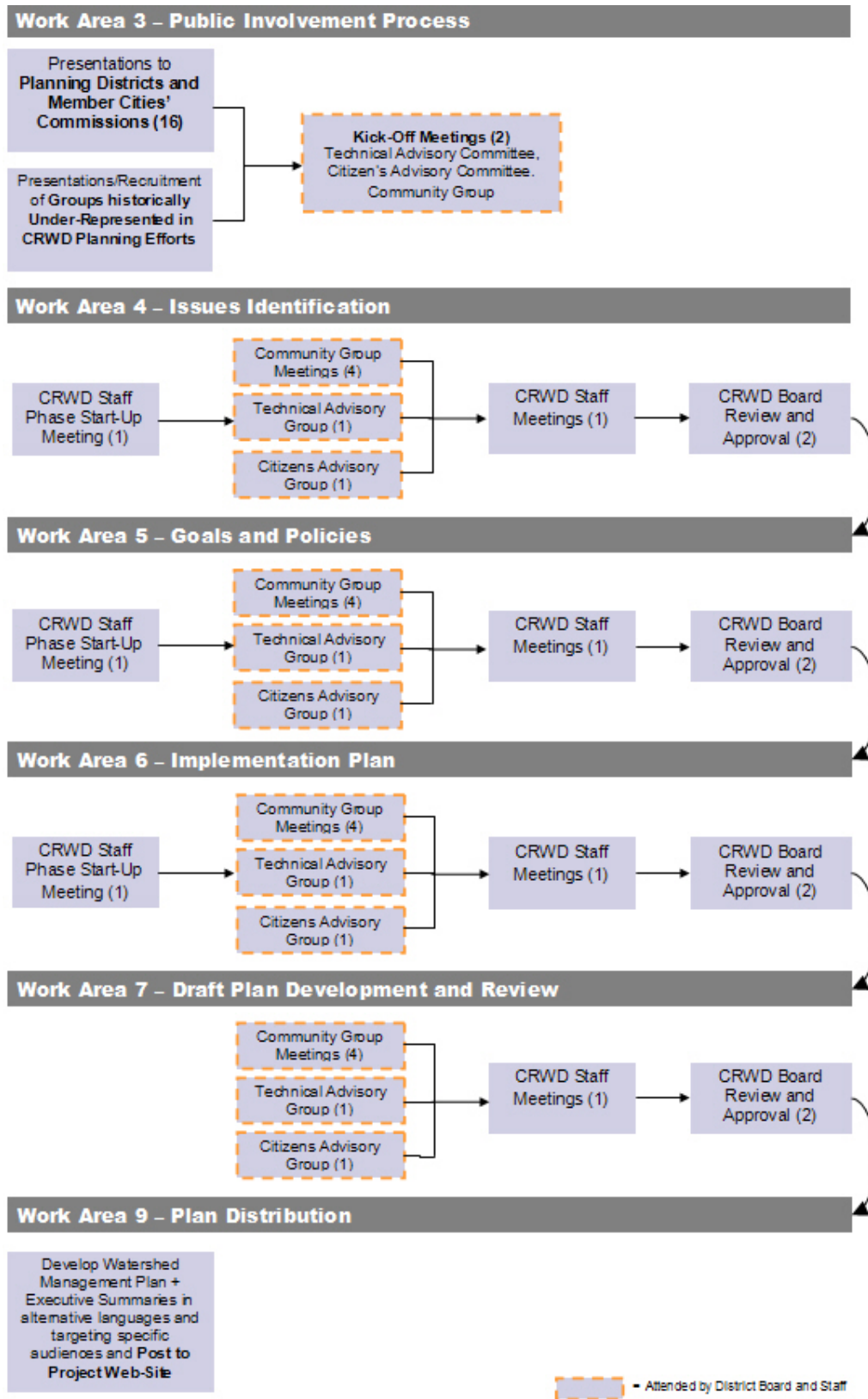
The Watershed Management Plan was developed through a comprehensive public involvement process. Plan development integrated past planning efforts, utilized the knowledge and expertise of several advisory committees, and included an extensive effort to involve the general public in the identification of issues as well as other components of the plan.

The District sought involvement from the public during the following four major phases of the plan development:

1. Issues Identification Process
2. Development of the Goals and Policies
3. Development of the Implementation Plan
4. Overall Draft Plan Development

As Figure 1 illustrates, each phase included a series of meetings with the Technical Advisory Committee, the Citizens Advisory Committee and Community Group, CRWD staff, and the CRWD Board of Managers. Following the meeting series for each phase, the corresponding section of the plan was drafted. For example, following the Issues Identification Phase of plan development, the Issues section of the plan was drafted. Major chapters of the plan without a specific planning phase (Executive Summary, Role of MWMO, Land and Water Resource Inventory, etc) were created during the Overall Draft Plan Development Phase. Draft sections were distributed to members of the Technical Advisory Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee, CRWD staff, and the CRWD Board of Managers for review and comment. This process allowed the District to respond to the needs of the participants *during* the process rather than at the end of the process.

Figure 1: Public Involvement Framework



The District developed a comprehensive public involvement process which it used to gain feedback from a broad spectrum of participants. While the District has a number of active advisory groups, the Board of Managers were very interested in reaching out to as many people who live, work and

recreate in the District as possible in an effort to identify their needs and concerns regarding current and future watershed management. This section describes the various groups involved in the development of the Capitol Region Watershed District plan.

Advisory Committees

The District has a very active Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC), both of which have been involved in a number of District planning efforts. The involvement in planning efforts such as the Como Lake Management Plan and development of the District's Rules and Regulations have made for very active and knowledgeable advisory committee members. Each of these groups participated in the plan development process as illustrated on Figure 1.

Community Group

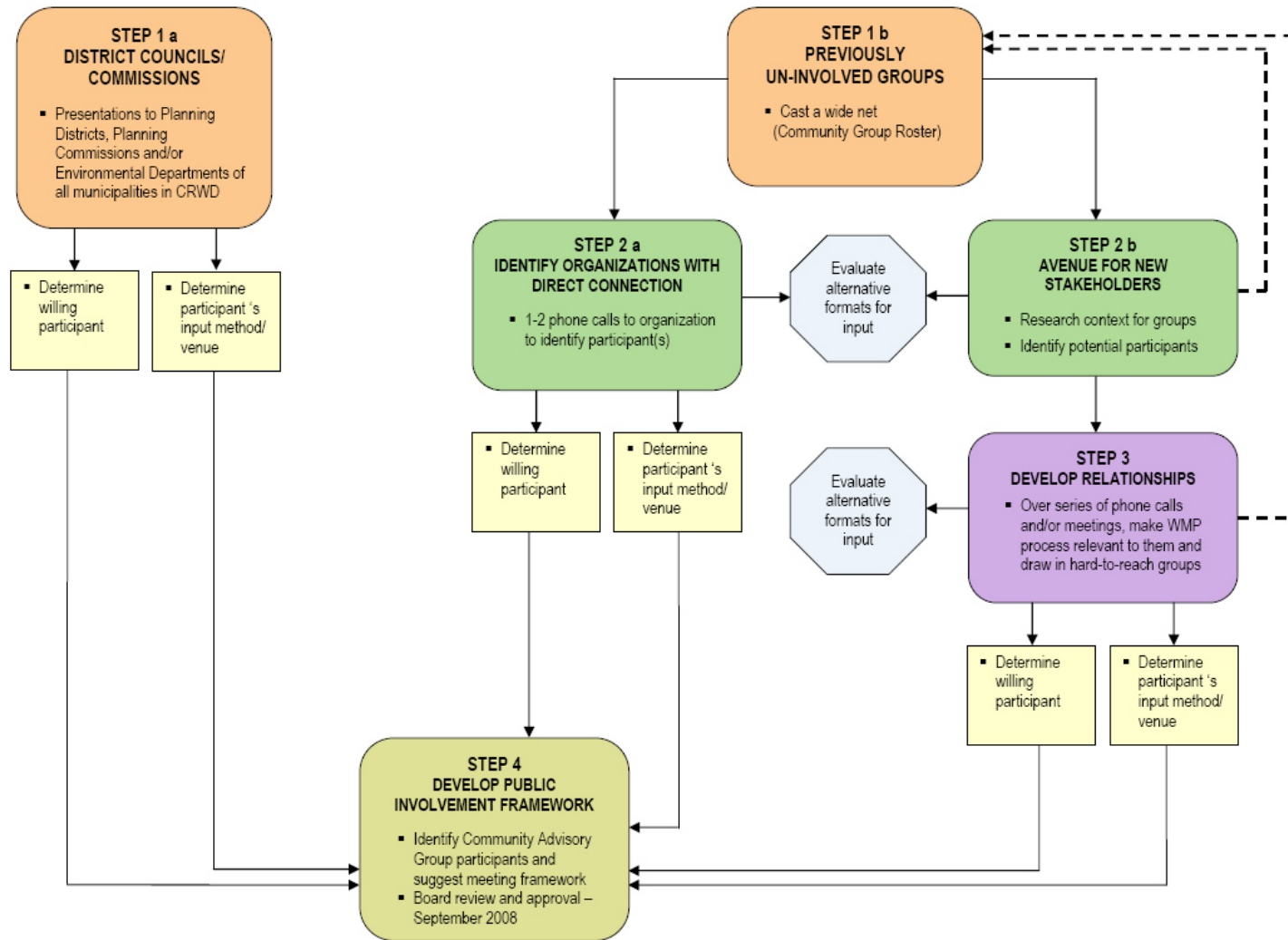
Early in the plan development process the Board of Managers made it very clear that they would like to see even broader participation from individuals who live, work or recreate in the watershed. They wanted to "cast a wide net" to see how many people they could get to participate in the plan development process. As a result, the District decided to form a third advisory group for the plan development process: this group was broadly called the Community Group. Figure 2 illustrates the steps the District took to develop this Community Group.

One of the first steps the District took to solicit additional participation was to make presentations to each of the Planning Districts and Member Cities Commissions located in the watershed (identified as Step 1a on Figure 2). A total of 16 presentations were made over a two month time period by CRWD Staff and the planning consultants. These presentations were designed to get each community up to speed on the District's latest watershed management efforts, to determine the best method of obtaining input from a particular community and to recruit a volunteer to participate in the planning process.

The other method the District employed to develop its Community Group was to establish relationships with members of the community who are leaders of groups which have typically been under-represented in the District's activities (identified as Step 1b on Figure 2). As Figure 2 illustrates, this effort involved a number of components:

- Developed a list of organizations, businesses, etc... that may be interested in participating in the plan development process or that may serve as a conduit to finding other individuals interested in participating in the plan development process (Step 2a on Figure 2).
- Contacted individuals on the list (mentioned above) via (1) a letter from the District and (2) a phone call (Step 2a on Figure 2).
- Met with individuals who were interested in learning more about the District's efforts or were interested in sharing their point-of-view regarding watershed management in the Metro Area (Step 2b on Figure 2).

Figure 2: Community Group Recruitment Process



Each individual identified on the list (mentioned above) and contacted via this effort was invited to attend the numerous community group meetings held over the course of the plan development process. In an effort to solicit broader participation from the community at large, the District held a series of Community Group meetings for each phase of the planning process. Multiple meetings were held at different venues and at different times of the day to accommodate people's schedules and needs.

CRWD Board of Managers and Staff Input

As Figure 1 illustrates, District Staff and the Board of Managers provided a significant amount of input during each phase of the plan development process. District staff coordinated and facilitated the public's input in meetings with the advisory committees and the Community Group. In addition, District Staff and the Board of Managers were asked to participate in the same activities that the advisory groups and Community Group were asked to participate in: they were asked to share issues or concerns they would like to see addressed in the watershed management plan; they reviewed the issues and/or concerns shared during the public involvement process; and they were asked to review sections of the plan as they were developed.

**Capitol Region Watershed District
Citizen Advisory Committee
Issues Identification Meeting**

Wednesday, December 10, 2008
7:00 – 9:00 PM

Capitol Region Watershed District
1410 Energy Park Dr., Suite 4
Saint Paul, MN 55108

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance:

CRWD CAC Members: David Arbeit, William Barton, Bill Downing, Steven Duerre, Michael MacDonald, Shirley A. Reider, Michelle Ulrich, Jerome Wagner, Ole Olmanson,

CRWD Board Member: Mike Thienes

CRWD Staff: Bob Fossum, Elizabeth Story

Introductory to the Capitol Region Watershed District;

Bob Fossum reviewed the task for the meeting relative to the Watershed Management Plan. The Board and staff are interested in the CAC's input on issues that the District should address in the next 10 years. A table listing previously identified issues was included in the CAC packet. CAC members were encouraged to state the issues they thought were important regardless of whether they were on the table or not. New or existing issues should be considered.

Presentation on Issue Categories

Bob Fossum reviewed the seven issue categories used in the previous planning effort. Issues identified by the CAC are listed below in each issue category.

Urban Stormwater Management –

Look for other projects like Arlington-Hamline.

Infiltration is key, as is trying to get citizens to prevent runoff.

Don't "lose" goals in previous plans, maintain commitment to achieving goals of previous plans.

Begin cleaning up the water going into the river, e.g. limit to amount of infiltration we can do.

Address pollutant accumulation in raingardens and infiltration basins.

Can't destroy phosphorus, are we just moving the phosphorus to a different spot?

Bank stabilization of the Mississippi River.

Sustain commitment to load reductions in Como Lake SMP.

Complete TMDL format of CLSMP.

Sustain commitment to BMPs the District has constructed (operation and maintenance)

Street sweeping and snow removal, get city to sweep at strategic times.

Support for an approach that includes infiltration—less runoff, reduced flows are easier to deal with.

Daylighting streams is not a major issue.

Regulations & Enforcement –

Ensure provisions in permit for long term maintenance.

Maintain inspection/compliance of permitted permanent stormwater controls.
Consider holding long-term surety to ensure maintenance.
Consider impact on Mississippi River from chlorinated wastewater from Metro Plant. Strong commitment to rules that make a difference.
Build long-term capacity for inspecting projects (budget and staff) to ensure long-term functionality.

Ecosystem Health – no comments.

Education & Outreach –

Continue outreach to different cultural groups represented in CRWD.
Suggestions: Lawn signs, storm drain stenciling, press releases on nutrients.
Basic watershed education: focus on nutrients.

Funding –

Work with partners to do more to improve Crosby Lake area.

Future Trends –

In 10 years, we won't be able to clean up fast enough to accommodate Pepin TMDL. Application for clean water legacy funds 2009-10.
Clarify the District's legal requirement to achieve Pepin TMDL.

Monitoring & Data Assessment –

Load reduction established through Pepin TMDL process.
Commit to maintaining/achieving water quality standards in all lakes.

Next Steps

Bob reviewed the next steps with the CAC as follows:

- Summarize the issue statements.
- Develop a draft that will be circulated to everyone for review and comment.

**Capitol Region Watershed District
Community Group
Issues Identification Meeting #1**

Monday, December 8, 2008
6:30 – 8:00 PM

Hillcrest Recreation Center
1978 Ford Parkway
St. Paul, MN 55116

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Annie Levenson-Falk (Citizens League) *CRWD Board:* Bob Piram, Joe Collins *Staff:* Mark Doneux *Consultant Team:* Camilla Correll, EOR, Inc.

Introduction to the Capitol Region Watershed District

Mark Doneux presented the following three display boards to the group: (1) Introduction, (2) Overview and (3) What is a Watershed Management Plan.

Presentation on Issue Categories

Mark Doneux reviewed the seven issue category boards. Questions from the audience follow each issue category.

Urban Stormwater Management

In response to discussion re: the stormwater management projects resulting from the Como Lake Management Plan, Annie asked how the CRWD got upstream communities to contribute to the Como Lake Management Plan and Capital Improvement Projects. Mark Doneux explained that funding was determined based on the contributing volume of stormwater runoff and that communities funded the flood mitigation portion of the project while the CRWD funded the water quality portion of the project.

Annie wanted to know if the CRWD has examples of projects that other watershed management organizations with less resources could implement to improve the quality of their water resources. Mark and the Managers discussed the CRWD's Stewardship Grant Program and suggested that rain gardens are a great way to manage stormwater runoff at a local level. Mark shared the results of monitoring rain garden performance.

Monitoring & Data Assessment

There was no discussion on the Monitoring & Data Assessment board following the discussion that took place under Urban Stormwater Management.

Regulations and Enforcement

Annie had a number of questions regarding the CRWD Rule Development Process (e.g. how long did the process take, who was involved in the Technical Advisory Committee, etc...)

Annie questioned how a process like the Lake Pepin TMDL would work given the number of watershed management organizations with varying levels of resources contributing to the Mississippi River. She was wondering how the standards would be set and once they were set how

other watershed management organizations would demonstrate compliance with the standard; not all watershed management organizations have the tax base to develop a comprehensive monitoring program like the CRWD's.

Education Plan

Mark Doneux talked about the development of the CRWD's Education Plan; that the plan is focusing on changing people's behavior related to water resource protection and stewardship.

Funding

There was no discussion on the funding board following Mark Doneux's presentation as the District's tax-levy authority was discussed on multiple occasions related to other examples.

Ecosystem Health

There was no discussion on the ecosystem health board following Mark Doneux's presentation.

Future Trends

There was no discussion on the future trends board following Mark Doneux's presentation.

Issues Identification Discussion

Since Annie attended the meeting to listen and to learn about watershed district activities, and since she does not live in the CRWD, she did not offer issues for the issue identification process. She did ask the following question: "If the Capitol Region Watershed District had a wish list of policy changes that they would like to see implemented, what would they be?" Mark Doneux responded by stating that he would like the member communities to be more active in implementing the District's Rules and Regulations. Joe Collins responded by stating that he would like to see a policy adopted to ensure more frequent street sweeping using the frequency of neighborhood street sweeping and leaves as an example. Bob Piram responded by stating that he would like to see the development of a metro-wide education program. Bob mentioned that this was something the CRWD tried to initiate a couple of years ago but that it was not well received. Mark Doneux suggested that Metro-MAWD would be a great organization to facilitate something like this in the future.

Bob Piram asked Annie if she would be willing to distribute the DRAFT Watershed Management Plan to the 28 people working with the Citizens League on the Water Policy evaluation in the summer of 2009. Annie said that this was something she would be more than happy to do for the CRWD.

Summary and Next Steps

Mark reviewed the next steps with Annie and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**Capitol Region Watershed District
Community Group
Issues Identification Meeting #2**

Tuesday, December 9, 2008
2:30 – 4:30 PM

North Dale Recreation Center
1410 N. St. Albans
Saint Paul, MN 55117

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Barbara Leary (Falcon Heights), Sherri Knuth, Janna Caywood, Dan Edgerton *CRWD Staff:* Bob Fossum *Consultant Team:* Camilla Correll, EOR, Inc.

Introductory to the Capitol Region Watershed District;

Bob Fossum presented the following three boards ((previously used for the Planning District Meetings) to the group: (1) Introduction, (2) Overview and (3) What is a Watershed Management Plan.

Question from Sherri Knuth re: Wetlands and Natural Areas - Sherri Knuth wanted to know where these are located. Bob identified a number of wetlands in the northern portion of the watershed.

Question from Sherri Knuth: What is the CRWD doing with the Trout Brook Stormsewer? Is the CRWD maintaining the current structure as is? Bob's responded by stating that yes the CRWD is maintaining the existing system as is (for the most part). The District does maintain/repair existing sections as needed. Around Trillium, the CRWD looked at day lighting a portion of the stormsewer but it wasn't feasible. There are other options for taking water out of stormsewer and routing to Trillium, in an effort to create more of an amenity. This would contribute to the theme of the WMP "bringing water back to St. Paul"; expanding the consciousness of stormwater as an amenity.

Comment from Barbara Leary: In St. Paul proper there were a lot of lakes (e.g. Lake by St. Thomas) - if the District is trying to teach people about water resources why not include these historic resources in the plan. Dave Bredenis – St. Paul Community Schools in Travel Area. Email Barbara Leary (baleary@comcast.net) so she can put us in touch with Dave to learn more about these historic water resources. Bob explained this is something the District is planning on incorporating in the plan.

Presentation on Issue Categories

Bob Fossum walked through the seven issues category boards. Questions from the audience follow each issue category.

Urban Stormwater Management – no comments.

Regulations & Enforcement – no comments.

Ecosystem Health – no comments.

Education & Outreach – no comments.

Funding – no comments

Future Trends – Newest and innovative trends to address. Stormwater management & climate change. No comments.

Monitoring & Data Assessment – Demonstrate measurably cleaner waters on same time scale. No comments.

Question from Sherri Knuth: What is the approximate percent of budget that goes to Monitoring & Data Assessment? Bob responded by stating that in the 2008 budget the expenditure was on average a little less than 10%.

Question from Sherri Knuth: Is the CRWD required to report this data? Bob responded by stating that the CRWD generates an annual monitoring report (an MS4 responsibility to submit to MPCA).

Question from Sherri Knuth: Why has CRWD Board identified Monitoring & Data Assessment as a priority? Bob's response: The Board recognized the need for baseline monitoring data (especially for monitoring in a highly urban area) to evaluate existing & future impacts to the Mississippi River and to other water resources. The monitoring of projects is also important to demonstrate that they are functioning correctly.

Question from Sherri Knuth: How is monitoring data reported? Bob's response: Annual monitoring report and a 4-page Summary that is easier to read.

Question from Barbara Leary: Does Future Trends also address partnerships, collaborations, etc. vs. relying on regulations to manage water resources? Bob's response: The CRWD has had success working on partnerships. The District's goal is to drop cooperative projects down a level so the District isn't limiting partnership opportunities to municipalities but also working to establish partnerships with local neighborhoods, etc.... This strategy avoids repetition, reduces costs, facilitates stewardship, etc...

Comment from Janna Caywood: There are a lot of citizens who want to help but they don't know how to be stewards in the management of water resources. Janna Caywood would like to be able to help but she doesn't know how. What has been the District's approach to engage citizens in Stewardship activities? Bob indicated that Elizabeth Storey would be the best person to respond to this question. The CRWD is involved in a number of activities such as Metro Watershed Partners Education and Outreach Efforts. This is a means of achieving big ticket outreach efforts such as T.V. spots. The CRWD is also in the process of developing an education plan which will focus the education and outreach efforts.

Question from Barbara Leary: How is the District addressing the *Regulation vs. Laissez-Faire Approach*? The Falcon Heights representative mentioned the City's waste management efforts and how this issue was "sold" to citizens who didn't want to be told what to do. Whenever an organization does things in a voluntary way, it doesn't always stick - people fall back to their old tendencies. Even though people don't want more regulation – it sometimes is the best way to affect change. Bob followed this point by discussing the importance of the CRWD's Rules and Regulations.

Comment from Dan Edgerton: The group discussed District funded Stewardship & Partnership Grants. Working with an organization like a church to leverage District funds to build on civic engagement around water resource management would be a good idea. Churches are a great organizing unit – stormwater management projects will get done by lots of church members, it will be advertised and the church & water resources will be improved. Dan Edgerton's church will be applying for a stewardship grant in 2009. His church group found the CRWD grant program by researching grant opportunities on-line. Bob responded to this discussion by highlighting various District partnerships with other organizations.

Dan Edgerton had a number of suggestions for things the CRWD could continue over the next ten years or do more of over the next ten years.

Dan suggested that the CRWD collect more data about people's perceptions about the District's water resources (e.g. develop a survey that people could take). This may help to make the connection between people's appreciation for clean and natural resources and the impacts they have on the resources.

Dan also suggested that the District continue to fund grant programs. A lot of people learn and are touched by projects implemented by the CRWD grant Program (e.g. church projects).

Dan suggested that the District make more presentations at K-12 schools. Getting the message across to the next generation will create a long-term impact and natural resource protection and stewardship.

Dan suggested looking for additional partnerships (e.g. with schools, the science museum, the children's museum).

Dan suggested that the District re-focus on the Mississippi River (one of the United States greatest resources). People don't have a strong connection to the River. The watershed should reestablish these connections to make it easier for people to access and appreciate the River.

Dan suggested the CRWD focus on doing more in-lake management to clean up the lakes to make them swimmable and fishable. Watershed management will only take us so far in cleaning up degraded resources.

Dan also suggested the CRWD prioritize street sweeping so that the streets draining to key waterbodies get hit before it's too late (before spring snowmelt/rainfall event). These streets should be swept more often as well.

Comment from Barbara Leary: Watershed should host a tour of rain gardens constructed as a result of the District's Grant Program. Bob explained that the CRWD hosted a tour w/Friends of the Mississippi River and that this event was very well attended.

Comment from Sherri Knuth: She was struck by the comment that people in general are not really aware of the District's water resources. Everyone here appears to be someone who lives in proximity to the Como Lake. She suggested that someone put an interpretive center about the

river on the river. Dan Edgerton added to this point- how to re-establish connections to the river (e.g. Hidden Falls). Someone needs to be doing a better job promoting the river.

Comment from Barbara Leary: It would be nice if the CRWD could have a spokesperson for the River (e.g. a very visible spokesperson getting people to use the water).

Question from Janna Caywood: Is it possible for the District to host neighborhood-scale events establishing connections to a particular resource and educating people/residents about their impacts to the resource?

Bob mentioning District's contribution to St. Paul Fire Dept for construction of a green rood. This project will emphasize the education component - when people visit the fire station, they may be introduced to the concept of green roofs and stormwater management. One criteria of the CRWD Grant Program is what type of exposure will the project get.

Comment from Barbara Leary: When highlighting the River – remember to also address the historical & cultural stories related to the River to create ownership.

Comment from Barbara Leary: The CRWD should do more to promote public art. The CRWD should include images of the lakes on every mailing. Can water bodies be added to District logo on letterhead? Bob followed this comment by explaining that the CRWD & RWMWD contributed to the St. Paul Public Art Program. This is something the District is beginning to consider.

Comment from Dan Edgerton: The CRWD should sponsor an essay competition in schools with a water resource theme and reward students who participate. This essay could be published in the CRWD newsletter. Or create a photo competition – kids can take photos – make a book, calendar or something like that.

Comment from Barbara Leary: How did we forget that we were supposed to take care of water? One of the Community Group participants suggested reading a book called “The Meaning of Water” written by Veronica String. The author explains the disconnect between who manages the water (public government) and who uses the water (the public in general – ordinary citizens). The expectation is that the government is going to take care of everything. Bob responded by stating that one of the things the WD is trying to accomplish is to re-create the awareness and put some responsibility back on the public.

Next Steps

- Summarize the issue statements.
- Develop a draft that will be circulated to everyone for review and comment. Bob asking if people would prefer email of paper (re-routing sign-in sheet so people can indicate their preference).

Additional Comment from Community Group Participant: Future Trend – It would be nice if someone would come to Falcon Heights and recommend how stormwater management practices could be incorporated in the community to address water quality (e.g. since the watershed knows the most about the water resources and the techniques). The community could then implement these recommendations as they see fit (as time and resources allow). Bob followed this comment by mentioning that the CRWD has developed a Subwatershed management plan for Como Lake and is thinking about developing these plans for other subwatersheds.

**Capitol Region Watershed District
Community Group
Issues Identification Meeting #3**

Wednesday, December 10, 2008
10:00 – 12:00

Capitol Region Watershed District Offices
1410 Energy Park Dr., Suite 4
Saint Paul, MN 55108

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Sarah Risser, Faith Krogstad *CRWD Board:* Seitu Jones, Marylyn Deneen *Staff:* Bob Fossum *Consultant Team:* Pat Conrad, EOR, Inc.

Introduction to the Capitol Region Watershed District

Bob presented the following three display boards to the group: (1) Introduction, (2) Overview and (3) What is a Watershed Management Plan.

Presentation on Issue Categories

Bob reviewed the seven issue category boards. Summary of the remaining discussion points have been categorized under the main categories below.

Urban Stormwater Management

F.K. The focus of the CRWD appears to be surface water. What about groundwater?

F.K. Concerned about the use of infiltration practices on contaminated sites. Need to understand past land uses to know where underground pollution may be present.

S.R. The District should work with large businesses to encourage them to incorporate green/pervious features into their parking lots.

F.K. Could develop a 'recognition program' for businesses that use stormwater friendly practices.

Monitoring & Data Assessment

S.R./B.F. It appears that the District has an adequate monitoring program. Delivery of the information could possibly be improved.

F.K. Students could be used more effectively for monitoring. Example of the smell and green appearance of Como.

F.K. Need to tie education efforts in the schools with teaching standards.

Education & Outreach

S.R. It may not be an issue of people not caring about their impact but an issue of them not being aware of their impact, it's an awareness issue.

F.K. People are most concerned about things that they can see. Opportunities to day-light water resources would improve the connection between people's actions and water.

S.R. The River is not something that is 'seen'. It is difficult to get to, accessibility to the River is not as easy as in Minneapolis.

F.K. A potential educational 'entry-point' for people could be the notion that people downstream of our community drink the water that runs off from our streets and neighborhoods. People may care more about their impact on other people versus their impact on waters.

F.K. Need to be aware of the implication of 'pulses' of education vs. long-term development of a higher level of understanding.

F.K. The District should strive to provide a level of education that is beyond mere awareness of the issues. A scaffolding approach for education should be utilized which results in an audience that has the skills to act in the desire manner.

F.K. The traditional approach to eco-education may not apply to the CRWD. Need to understand what the audience wants. Need to understand how the community uses/celebrates water in order to engage them and instill a sense of ownership in the resources.

F.K. What discussion has occurred regarding the level of education/outreach compared to other tools.

F.K. Education/outreach can be thought of as a source reduction tool.

S.R. Is the focus of the education/outreach program on children? There should be a balance on trying to reach audiences of all ages. Concerned about misinformed adults.

S.R. It is important to have regular reminders for people on stormwater good-housekeeping practices. For example annually repeating the message that leaves should be kept out of the street and storm drains.

S.R. Is there a way to assess the general background knowledge of the community on stormwater issues? Surveying the current level of awareness can help guide the District's efforts.

S.R. Has there been any effort on combining the education effort with monitoring? For example- have students collect certain data in the watershed.

F.K. Are educational efforts eligible for the District's stewardship grant program? If so there may be things that need to be refined in the program to make it easier for teachers to use. Timing of submissions etc.

S.R. Could teachers have a longer-term project that could be funded regularly?

F.K. District should consider the use of public art as a tool to bring water issues into the conscience of the community. Example of decorative storm inlet grates.

F.K. Internship opportunities are important ways of building awareness. Be aware paid internships are the only way some individuals would be able to participate.

F.K. Can there be a partnership with the reconstruction of the Como Pool to incorporate educational items relative to water.

Future Trends

S.R. Climate change will result in greater intensity rainfall events and the District should be encouraging the use of practices which will be able to adapt or handle this change in hydrology.

S.R. The District should be on the cutting edge of technologies and be looking at what types of practices are being used in other areas. The District shouldn't be afraid to stretch when looking at future trends/activities. For example, there are technologies that utilized in Singapore that could through modification have some application in CRWD

F.K. Future Trends should look at the latest methods of communication, internet, Facebook, text messages, etc.

Summary and Next Steps

Bob reviewed the next steps and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**Capitol Region Watershed District
Community Group
Issues Identification Meeting #4**

Thursday, December 11, 2008
6:30 – 8:00 PM

Hallie Q Brown Community Center
270 Kent St.
St. Paul, MN 55102

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Trevor Russell (Friends of Mississippi River), Bob Milligen (Lauderdale), Tonya Nicholie (Fort Road Federation), Tamara Downs Schwei (Community Design Center) *CRWD Board:* Joe Collins, Seitu Jones *Staff:* Bob Fossum *Consultant Team:* Camilla Correll, EOR, Inc.

Introduction Boards:

B.M. What's the history w/ the Trout Brook stormsewer? B.F. responded that when the combined sewer system was separated, the Met. Council requested that the CRWD take it over – this was one of the reasons the CRWD was established.

J.C. Made the point that the CRWD has spent most of its time & resources focusing on Como Lake. The CRWD is interested in hearing if people think they should spend more money on efforts regarding the Mississippi River. Specifically wondering if FMR has opinions about this.

T.R. How does a WD write a plan that's 10 years out – how specific are implementation items? B.F. Responded that the CRWD doesn't want to develop a plan (specifically implementation items) to be so specific that it becomes limiting but BWSR does require goals & policies to be measurable. B.F. also mentioned amendment process.

Issue Category Boards:

Urban Stormwater Management – no comments.

Regulations & Enforcement – J.C. talked about flooding issues by Gottfried's pit.

Ecosystem Health – no comments.

Education & Outreach – no comments.

Funding – no comments.

Future Trends – no comments.

Monitoring & Data Assessment – no comments.

B.M. Discussed his involvement on the Lauderdale Comp Plan – How does the CRWD plan mesh with the City's efforts to address stormwater management (via the LSWMP). B.F. responded by stating that I/I is typically the issue the City's are most concerned with – CRWD also interested in infiltration but for different reasons. B.F. also mentioned the CRWD's role in reviewing LSWMPs.

T.R. – Mentioned that the State is involved in re-evaluation TP-40 and that this is something the CRWD should be aware of.

T.R. – Discussed the Lake Pepin TMDL. This TMDL may require additional volume control. What role would the CRWD play in this project? How would the CRWD be involved in the Spring Lake TMDL which may impact the District by dropping Pool II levels a couple of feet? B.F. responded by stating that MPCA is going to require all MS4's to reduce volume by approx. 25% (includes CRWD, U of M,

MnDOT, fairgrounds). This process will force us as MS4's/public agencies to focus on joint efforts to address water quality & water quantity issues. This is what the CRWD has been trying to do. The benefit of this TMDL standard may be to force some cooperation vs. fostering opposition to one another.

J.C. – In the 1980's the issue was getting water off the street and into the stormsewer. Now the concern is how to treat water before it gets into the river.

B.M. – What is the big measure the CRWD is trying to achieve? Maybe it's TMDLs? B.F. responded by stating that the over-arching goal is cleaner waters.

T.R. – Other WDs working on multi-cultural outreach (e.g. MWMO). Water quality community typically publishes everything in English. Given the diversity of the CRWD how many people is education & outreach program reaching if they don't read English, watch T.V. etc...

Tamara – Has the CRWD identified what BMPs it prefers to see people use? B.F. responded by stating that the CRWD prefers BMPs that have an infiltration component to reduce volumes and promote groundwater recharge. J.C. added that the CRWD also evaluating cost-effectiveness of various BMPs.

Tamara – Are there larger areas the CRWD interested in? B.F. responded by stating that in general, no – everything ultimately drains to the Mississippi River. Grant programs apply any where in the District. Question for the next plan – Do we want to focus more of the District's efforts adjacent to the River? Historically early work has focused on activities in and around Como Lake and Lake McCarron's. J.C. talking about the District's efforts elsewhere in the watershed (e.g. groundwater studying by St. Catherine's) – studies/efforts initiated and implemented due to need.

Tonya – Living near the river, her observation is that people, who live along the river don't know about the watershed – the CRWD's activities are unknown.

Quick Introductions to Better Understand Participants Motivations for Attending Meeting

Tamara – Community Design Center of Minnesota – A lot of environmental restoration work with multi-cultural groups.

B. M. – Ag. Economist by training represents Lauderdale. Fascination with Mississippi River.

T.R. – Lives in Longfellow. Works with Water Quality issues, watershed education, natural resource restoration, etc.

Joe Collins – Board Member. Works for the City of St. Paul and lives by Como Lake.

Seitu Jones – Artist. Large scale public art. Going into 2nd 3-year term. Grew up in Minneapolis, moved to Minnehaha Falls, then to the river. Blending Art & Nature & Stormwater management.

Tonya – Architect – talks to people (other architects) about water stuff. West 7th representative.

T.R. – What existing impairments are there in the watershed? B.F. Responded by stating that Como Lake is listed as impaired. Crosby is not, Loeb Lake and Lake McCarron's is not – very good water quality. All waterbodies in the CRWD being monitored. T.R. In this case, CRWD should focus on existing impairments.

T.R. – Not a lot of Public Interaction with the Mississippi River. CRWD should be involved in making the river corridor a place people want to be.

Tamara – How did we get to the point where we are so disconnected from the Mississippi River – how are we comfortable with it being so toxic. It's through education that we can get people to appreciate the resource.

Tonya – People not using silt fence enough or adequately. Problem area near 35 E and St. Clair (by Osceola) S.J. The CRWD needs to make sure all residents are incensed by these types of activities or inactivities so they would call the District to let them know about these types of problems.

Tonya – Are there any streams the CRWD is thinking about daylighting? B.F. responded that stating that the CRWD has considered creating or daylighting a stream in Trillium Park. The CRWD also interested in evaluating the potential to take water from Trout Brook and routing it to a created surface water stream.

Tamara - It would make neighborhoods more of an amenity; create more appreciation & awareness amongst residents. B.F. mentioned the historic water resources map being developed for the Plan – this will identify historic resources.

Tonya – Has the CRWD seen San Francisco's historical waters map? J.C. Wondering if they used this map to daylight resources. Tonya didn't know the answer to this question.

Group Comment - District should evaluate feasibility of daylighting these historic resources.

T.R. pointing out that this issue bridges Ecosystem Health, Education & Outreach, Urban Stormwater Management, etc...

B.M. - Keep government involvement in the periphery. Too many regulatory bodies is complicated & confusing. How can we get John Q. citizen involved but keep it simple. Coordinate efforts by multiple regulatory bodies so message sent without, "this message brought to you by x , y and z".

T.R. – Metro Watershed Partners tries to accomplish this. A lot of people sending messages but speaking through a single voice.

Tamara – Engaging youth is huge and partnerships through grant programs, education programs, etc... is a successful way to accomplish this.

B.M. - Communication with the Cities is important. Maintain on-going communication with an appointee of each municipality. J.C. responded by stating that the CRWD has good connections with St. Paul, Roseville - CRWD however, it does not have a strong relationship with Lauderdale so it would be good to foster this relationship.

T.R. - Partnering with other WDs helps municipalities that fall within multiple watershed districts.

B.M. – Enjoyed Steve Wise's presentation. Are there things that the CRWD could be doing similar to what the Chicago Institute for Neighborhood Technologies is talking about (e.g. reducing runoff, reducing volume)?

Joe Collins - St. Paul has separated sewer – Described the history and how Wisconsin sued Minneapolis & St. Paul.

Tonya - Vine Park Brewery has food-grade barrels. It would be good to partner with the brewery to get these barrels for a rain barrel program..

S.J. - The re-use center gets wine barrels every year. They are kind of expensive so it might be cost prohibitive for rain barrels. Can't be used for wine anymore.

T.R. – CRWD recently re-did their rules. Is this something the watershed will be re-visiting and possibly strengthening? B.F. responded by stating yes, the CRWD reviews their rules and regulations annually. In 2009 the CRWD will be evaluating benefits of dropping applicability requirement to less than an acre (again related to allocation from Lake Pepin TMDL). It will be 2011 before TMDL completed.

T.R. – In an urban area like the CRWD – is there any way the district could develop a trading system (i.e. similar to study performed in Vermillion)? B.F. responded by stating that he thinks the trend is going to be that rules may eventually apply to existing sites. Watershed District will have to limit the quantity & quality of stormwater coming off existing sites. Watershed Districts can't wait until they want to re-develop (too far down the road).

S.J. Mentioned that the CRWD is looking at a banking system. (at a subwatershed level).

T.R. Suggesting the CRWD strengthen the road rule so volume can be addressed in public right-of-way.

Tonya - What are the CRWD's tools for enforcement? B.F. responded that: it varies. In vicinity of Trout Brook interceptor, there are different standards.

T.R. – Connecticut has an impervious TMDL. Within the watershed they need to remove impervious surfaces. Precedent has been set.

Discussion regarding contaminated soil conditions – how to meet volume control standard, what are soils on site?

T.R. – Does the CRWD know where bedrock is, where contaminated soils are located?

Tonya - Mobile site might be good opportunity for regional treatment – 50 acre site located at Sheppard, Otto and 7th?

Tamara (written comment)—CRWD should address/consider: 1. education and stewardship with youth and multicultural communities, working in partnership, subcontract w/these communities; 2. incentives and penalties for utilizing or not utilizing BMPs; 3. green roofs, rain gardens, rain barrels, pervious pavers.

Trevor (written comment) -- CRWD should address/consider: 1. focus on Como TMDL; 2. Mississippi River restoration/stewardship; 3. preparing for Lake Pepin TMDL reductions; 4. multi-cultural education/outreach; 5. multi-jurisdictional cooperation/planning

**Capitol Region Watershed District
Technical Advisory Committee
Issues Identification Meeting**

Tuesday, November 18, 2008
9:00 – 11:00 AM

Capitol Region Watershed District
1410 Energy Park Dr., Suite 4
Saint Paul, MN 55108

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: TAC: Tom Peterson (RCD), Judy Sventek (Met Council), Phil Belfiori (St. Paul), Larry Zangs (St. Paul), Anne Weber (St. Paul), Cy Kosel (St. Paul Parks), Joni Giese (St. Paul Riverfront Development Corp), Denise Leezer (PCA), Les Potts (UofM), Melissa Lewis (BWSR), Dave Schuler (St. Paul Regional Water Services), Dan Haak (St. Paul), Larry Soderholm (St. Paul), Chuck Derscheid (Port Authority), Deb Bloom (Roseville), Steve Kummer (Maplewood), *CRWD Board:* Bob Piram, Marylyn Deneen, *CRWD Staff:* Bob Fossum, Mark Doneux, Forrest Kelley, *Consultant Team:* Pat Conrad, Camilla Correll, EOR, Inc.

Introductions & Comments

CRWD Rules – Mark made the point that the purpose of the meeting was to focus on the next ten years. The District Rules are on a separate path. They are in the process of being reviewed and there is a work plan in place to guide that effort. Any questions or comments on the rules, particularly the idea of applying the rules to smaller sites, could/should be handled at the end of the meeting.

Review of Planning Process and Summary of Public Input Gathered

Bob distributed the Public Involvement Process Summary flowchart as a reference to where we are in the process. Bob reminded the TAC of the table of existing/past issues.

Issues Identification

Q – Is the discussion limited to new issues only??

A – No

Judy – Stormwater retrofits and re-development

Tom – Partner with RCD on research on surface/groundwater interaction (groundwater impacts on surface water features.

Chuck – CRWD becoming a funding source for site specific stormwater projects

Cy – Continue/expand on education/outreach to citizens

Deb – added idea of outreach to Cy's education

Chuck – Life cycle costing of BMPs. Provide information to the Cities.

Judy – continue research on newer BMPs

Tom – Recycling stormwater runoff for potable use

Deb – Partnerships on project implementation

Denise – Impairments – assessments and inclusion in Watershed Management Plan

Denise – TMDLs

Denise - Compliance with Non-degradation

Denise – Identifying opportunities for retrofitting using low impact development principals.

Chuck – Flexibility of regulations & techniques - without flexibility we're locked in. Watershed Rules
Judy – Continue to look for ways for volume control
Deb – Impact of infiltration on groundwater (monitoring?)
Denise – Lake Pepin TMDL will be finishing up at about the same time as this plan. Include mention of the load allocation that each MS4 will have for the Lake Pepin TMDL.
Judy – CRWD could potentially lead implementation of the MS4 requirements
Deb – Future trends – use of trees and other practices for stormwater treatment. Engineered soils that can be paved over.
Melissa – coordination with adjacent watersheds, i.e. working with RWMWD on rules
Larry S – Relationship between density of development and the health of the ecosystem – density vs. spreading out of development on a site. Looser vs. tighter regulations
Larry Z – developing optimal partnerships for long term. How is it developed and how does it look – structure?
Phil – bridging surface water resource management with land use management. Stormwater, reg, and partnership issue categories
Cy – Restoration of habitat and vegetation
Joni – restoring natural systems within the district
Joni – Connections to the river – getting people to understand their impacts to the River
Joni – Maintenance education for BMPs. CRWD taking a role in the education of and implementation of maintenance
Larry Z – CRWD taking role on researching new technologies and informing Cities. Staying on top of future trends
Joni – CRWD taking lead on demonstration projects that educate the cities
Chuck – funding of new BMPs
Larry S – Clear and efficient regulations. Loss of land clean-up money for a site (400K because company went to st. cloud – CRWD 50% to blame)
Deb – Looking at regional treatment vs. site specific
Larry S – Funding of regional BMPs
Larry Z – Look for intercommunity options. CRWD is in best position to recognize these opportunities and let the communities know
Cy – acquisition of more park land. Park land can be used for regional treatment (park land is being consumed – replace)
Denise – look for strategic opportunities to be proactive on emerging issues – i.e. road salt application
Joni – Alternate ways for property owners to keep their sidewalks safe without use of salt.

Bob asked about green infrastructure. In the past CRWD has looked at optimizing water quality treatment on site regardless of the form of practice. Should the District promote use of green infrastructure because of secondary benefits?

Bob further clarified that typically CRWD looks at a site for what the most cost effective best treatment. They don't consider difference between underground treatment vs. above ground green infrastructure

Deb offered the example of putting a green roof on MAY not meet the District's water quality standard but would have secondary benefits.

Chuck – Port Authority is entering into the green or LEED area. This is an example of what he was referring to on flexibility of regulation.

Deb/ Chuck – Sustainability/LEED/Green.

Chuck – get someone LEED certified on staff

Larry S. – City or Metro wide focus on green is on transportation, walkable, high quality transportation. Pointed out need for green infrastructure on central corridor.

Deb – Redevelopment of Roselawn – adding trails increases their impact. Credits for energy consumptions

Phil – City has green infrastructure policies that focus on walkability/livability

Larry Z – Balance of regulation – there are other environmental/sustainability goals that need to be met in addition to surface water.

Chuck – using surface water as gray water – using stormwater in different ways. Way to combine with other disciplines.

Deb – appreciate CRWD working on them with the ‘cap’ on linear projects.

Larry S – climate change and the impact that has on standards, sizing etc.

Prioritization of Issues

Bob – let’s flag the ideas that are high priority to be accomplished in the next ten years and maybe why you think so. We’ll take suggestions and then see what everyone else thinks.

Judy - Redevelopment/Retrofit opportunities

Larry Soderholm - Education/Outreach

Tom – surface water/groundwater interaction because of timing with their groundwater plan

Chuck - Life cycle & Maintenance training of BMPs

Chuck – LEED Certification for CRWD staff

Denise - All the issues are tied to TMDL

Judy – Assessment ties with other TMDL issues.

Melissa – Funding in general

Denise – funding opportunities through State for TMDL implementation

Deb – Umbrella: flexibility and balance

Chuck – strategic issue would be demonstration projects and research.

Chuck – continue with interagency coordination, regional. Synergy when working with other groups.

Cy/Deb – restoration of natural systems.

Les – seconded the life cycle maintenance costs.

Larry Z asked for clarification on whether they are ‘voting’ on each issue because he would vote for this one. Bob indicated CRWD is interested in only a general sense of the most important issues.

Larry Z – we’re all in this together. No one agency can forward this agenda without consulting with the others. Mutuality.

Denise – TMDL and connections to the River.

Closing Discussion

Phil – is CRWD going to do a goal and policy for each issue?

Bob – we will group comments and summarize them as ‘issue statements’, manageable number of statements that will serve as the basis for goals and policies.

Denise – how will this ranking exercise be used?

Bob – we will do a more formal ranking in the goals and policies section. Looking for a general direction from TAC on the areas of importance.

Bob mentioned that communication will come through e-mail and an interactive website.

Bob asked for assistance in gathering information on models that have been built throughout the District. CRWD would like to have a database of models.

Bob asked for assistance in identifying historic water resources. Tom mentioned the 1844 Public Survey. Deb – Roseville has 1940 air photos on-line.

Cultural input – if there is any historical/anecdotal information on resources we would like to incorporate it.

Mark - The CRWD intends to get the TAC together in January to discuss applying the volume reduction rule to sites under 1.0 acre. Timing/coordination/standard etc. Mark distributed a draft work plan. Forrest will be convening the process in January.

Anne asked about the difference in TACs. Mark indicated the group is composed of the same people.

**Capitol Region Watershed District
Community Group
Goals and Policies Meeting**

Tuesday, March 10, 2008
6:30 – 8:00 PM

Jimmie Lee Recreation Center
270 Lexington Parkway North
St. Paul, MN 55104

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Bob Milligan, *CRWD Board: Staff:* Bob Fossum, *Consultant Team:* Pat Conrad, EOR Inc.

The goals and policies we introduced by issue and discussed by the group.

Issue 1

Bob Milligan (BM) felt that this policy should include cooperation among the various watersheds. He shared that this was something that was discussed at the December Community Group Meeting. He stated that there are more similarities than differences between watershed districts understanding that each watershed is unique.

Issue 2

BM shared that the maintenance of BMPs was a significant topic of discussion during the development of the City of Lauderdale Comp Plan and suggested that the CRWD add a goal to develop a maintenance schedule for BMPs.

Issue 3

BM stated as an overall comment to Issue 3 that for the policy statements that have general reduction targets (e.g. decrease the amount of sediment entering the District's water resources) the CRWD should establish more measurable goals in the first three years of the Plan and use the following seven years to work towards achieving the goals.

BM liked the specificity of the policies listed under goal 3.1.

BM asked if policy statement 3.1d could be quantified better. He asked "What does the CRWD mean by the word reduce?" and "Do they want to reduce a little bit or reduce to the point that the District improves the health of the resources? He stated that by specifying the reduction goal it will give the reader an indication of the magnitude of the issue.

BM in reference to policy 3.1.f, 3.2d, and 3.3b stated that "eliminate" made the statements unattainable He stated that this policy statement should be re-worded to include language such as "minimize illicit discharges through education" or something similar to this goal. He also didn't like the term "illicit discharge" and was wondering if a different word would help a broader audience understand the policy statement.

Issue 4

BM asked what are some examples of the types of flooding issues that CRWD deals with? Bob Fossum described the flooding that occurs in the low point at Larpentuer Ave and Gottfrieds Pitt.

BM stated that climate change is a very important issue.

BM asked that goal 4.2 be modified so that reads “Manage the volume of water in the Trout Brook Storm Sewer Interceptor to protect the integrity of District Infrastructure.”

Issue 5

BM asked if Issue 5 is another issue statement that should include participation and collaboration with other watershed management organizations.

Issue 6

BM, in reference to policy 6.1a, asked if the policy applies to all BMPs or to select BMPs. Bob Fossum clarified that all BMPs are likely monitored to a minimum level (e.g. to verify performance) and that some BMPs are monitored more extensively (e.g. new technologies). BM suggested that the CRWD develop a plan that identified who is monitoring BMPs, how frequently they are monitoring BMPs, etc... He also suggested that the CRWD include a policy statement that says “Develop a monitoring plan that identifies the maximum level of pollutant removal” and at a minimum, modify Policy statement 6.1.a so it reads “Collect data on select BMPs...”

BM, in reference to policy 6.1.d, suggested that the policy statement be modified to read “Identify and support a program to collect soil and geologic data for the watershed to get a better understanding of the infiltration potential.”

BM, in reference to Goal 6.2, suggested that it be modified to read “Regularly (as part of the budgeting process) review and refine...”

Issue 7

BM suggested that goal 7.1 be modified to read “make monitoring data and research data available and understandable to a broader range of audiences”. He stated that the most important thing is massaging the data so that it can be read and understood by the public - more than just making it readily available.

Issue 8

BM stated, in reference to goal 8.1 that this is the kind of goal where it’s easy to get five years down the road and realize that CRWD hasn’t really covered these goals and policies. He suggested that CRWD assign this goal as a priority to a staff member or perform an annual review to see what the CRWD has learned related to these topics.

BM like policy 8.2.a and wondered who was going to be the leader if not the CRWD.

BM mentioned that if the CRWD can solve the issue surrounding policy 8.3.b, it would be all set.

Issue 12

BM stated, in reference to goal 12.1, that the goal doesn't really mention who the partners are at this point. Bob Fossum noted that this is typically included in the implementation plan.

Issue 15

BM would like to see the word “collaborative” added to goal 15.4 since this is the intent of the goal.

Issue 18

BM suggested that before Goal 18.1 there should be a goal stating that the CRWD will establish priorities for ecosystem health. He gave the example of, where are the areas that are in imminent danger of losing high quality native plant communities. He stated that priority setting protects the CRWD from residents who think the resources in their neighborhood are the most valuable when they may or may not be.

**Capitol Region Watershed District
Community Group
Goals and Policies Meeting**

Thursday, March 12, 2008
6:30 – 8:00 PM

Linwood Recreation Center
860 St. Clair Avenue
St. Paul, 55105

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Barbara Leary, Janna Caywood, Tonya Nichols, *CRWD Board: Staff:* Bob Fossum, *Consultant Team:* Pat Conrad, EOR Inc.

The goals and policies we introduced by issue and discussed by the group.

Issue 3

The group asked what the biggest source of chloride is: MNDOT, municipalities or individual homeowners. Bob Fossum replied that any change in behavior at any level would have a positive impact on the District's resources. The group suggested that an additional policy to address chlorides be added under Goal 3.1.

Barbara Leary (BL) suggested that the CRWD develop a recipe or recommended mix for homeowners to be used as an ice melt, such as salt and sand or just salt.

Janna Caywood (JC) asked if Como Lake is impaired and if a TMDL has been developed to address the impairment. Bob Fossum addressed her question.

Issue 4

Tonya Nichols (TN) asked if the CRWD has evaluated the impact historic water resources has on the number of foreclosed homes in the watershed. She asked if the CRWD has thought about partnering with the City of St. Paul to acquire foreclosed homes (1) to restore historic waterbodies and (2) to alleviate flooding issues and (3) to increase the number of stormwater management facilities in the landscape.

JC stated that there is a relationship between the increase in intense precipitation events and the increasing amount of imperviousness in the watershed which exacerbates the flooding problems. She asked if watershed districts have land-use authority and if they could limit the amount of imperviousness on a site?

TN asked "Is Class V a pervious or impervious surface?" Bob Fossum addressed this question.

Issue 6

TN stated that the CRWD should map sites with contamination issues. She cited an example of a dog park being considered for a property owned by NSP which contains heavy metals as an incompatible use for the site.

Issue 7

JC is very interested in learning how residents can be better consumers of the information posted to the CRWD web-site. She thinks this is a very good idea. She would like to see information provided in a searchable format.

JC asked “does the CRWD have enough monitoring data to evaluate trends?” Bob Fossum explained that the lakes have a longer monitoring record which allows for trend analysis while the District's other monitoring efforts are only five years old and do not allow for trend analysis yet.

TN asked “does the CRWD have problems with the introduction of invasive animal species?”

Both TN and JC would like to see historical information provided on the District web-site. They felt this would reinforce the connection between residents and the resources.

Issue 9

BL asked for an explanation of what the Trout Brook Interceptor is and where it is located. During the discussion of this facility, Bob Fossum mentioned that it would be interesting to install a live cam in the system to allow residents to see how much trash accumulates in the storm sewer after a rainfall event. The group agreed that this would be a great idea.

JC mentioned that the Trout Brook Interceptor is a valuable resource for the CRWD and could serve as an educational resource. She shared that it would help people visualize the amount of stormwater runoff that is generated after a rainfall event by illustrating how large the main trunk of the system has to be to handle the runoff.

JC commented that she would love it if the outreach portion of Issue 9 could come through a little stronger.

TN stated that the CRWD web-site could have a computer tool that would identify the soils on a residents parcel and help them determine what their options are for stormwater treatment based upon that soil information (e.g. your house located on sandy soils so you can do any of these BMPs vs. your house is located on clayey material so your only options are...)

JC shared an educational example she saw in England where the City had installed a mosaic in the street and sidewalk to identify where a historic stream or river had been covered up. She suggested the CRWD could consider implementing a similar type of project in the watershed.

JC suggested that the CRWD develop summaries at the end of each section of the plan identifying those things that residents, municipalities, contractors can do to address whatever that particular section of the plan is talking about.

Issue 13

TN asked if there is an urban land grant program (similar to a rural land grant program) where the District could look for grant monies.

BL wondered if the CRWD will be eligible for economic stimulus monies. Bob Fossum mentioned that there are some projects the District wants to partner with the City of St. Paul in implementing.

Issue 17

JC suggested that the CRWD include an educational piece about rules and regulations. She suggested that the District develop a Cliff's Notes on each regulation so that lay people can understand what the District is regulating and providing this information on the District web-site.

**Capitol Region Watershed District
Technical Advisory Committee
Goals and Policies Meeting**

Tuesday, March 17, 2009
9:00 – 11:00 AM

Capitol Region Watershed District
1410 Energy Park Dr., Suite 4
Saint Paul, MN 55108

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: TAC: Judy Sventek (Met Council), Phil Belfiori (St. Paul), Larry Zangs(St. Paul),Melissa Lewis(BWSR), John Blackstone, Joan Gieseke, Denise Leezer, Tom Peterson, *CRWD Staff:* Bob Fossum, Mark Doneux, *Consultant Team:* Pat Conrad, EOR, Inc.

The goals and policies we introduced by issue and discussed by the group.

Larry Zangs stated that the CRWD can't accomplish all of these goals and objectives on it's own. Partnerships will be very important for the implementation of this plan. He asked how are these partnerships created and how does the CRWD view it's role in creating these partnerships and what opportunities will come out of these partnerships.

Larry Zangs stated that the term "legacy" is important. He asked how can the CRWD weave legacy for stewardship of the land into the WMP so that it remains a priority if and when the political winds shift?

John Blackstone stated that the Plan talks a lot about change. He stated that while people are typically resistant to change, the CRWD needs to educate them so they are more accepting of the change that needs to be made. He stated that change takes time so it is good that this is a long-term plan. He stated that an example would be the missed opportunity to make WDNR facility a demonstration site.

Melissa Lewis suggested that the CRWD pull the impaired waters issues, goals and policies out of the stormwater management discussion. She suggested identifying timelines, partnerships, strategies, etc... Maybe a section titled Impaired Waters isn't right but something along these lines - separating discussion of impaired waters from those that are not impaired.

Melissa Lewis encouraged the CRWD to reduce the number of issues, goals and policies and to make sure that the issues are issues and the goals and policies are truly goals and policies. She suggested stating goals and objectives for partnerships in a single location of the plan versus reiterating for each issue, goal and policy.

Judy Sventek stated that it was unclear where wetland restoration fits in the overall plan. She asked if the CRWD could make this more clear.

Melissa Lewis felt that Issue statement 1 was too broad.

Larry Zangs, in reference to policy 3.1.c and 3.2.c, asked what are the differences between these two standards and how will these be impacted by the Lake Pepin TMDL?

Tom Peterson stated that the CRWD should consider becoming a wetland bank so that wetlands don't continue to be exported out of Ramsey County.

Denise Leezer suggested that CRWD coordinate monitoring efforts with what other agencies are doing. She also stated that making the connection between monitoring data and watershed management decisions transparent is very important.

A member of the audience suggested that monitoring data be made available as follows: (1) monitoring data for the public to access (very readable/usable format) and (2) monitoring data for decision-making / policy-setting

Larry Zangs stated that CRWD should recognize that they don't have to do all the things identified under Future Trends and that CRWD should understand what is taking place at the community level. He stated that CRWD should not duplicate efforts and can leave some of these things for others to take care of.

Judy Sventek mentioned that CRWD should work more with municipalities in implementing MS4 requirements and that partnerships needs to be mentioned more in the education and outreach section. She said that CRWD could compile a lot of information to assist municipalities with their MS4 requirements so each community doesn't have to create the same materials independently.

An audience member stated that all watershed districts don't need to develop their own education and outreach programs, they should be able to share general components and develop specific materials above and beyond the basic plan.

Joan Gieseke stated that the Ecosystem health section acknowledges the interconnectedness of resource management and land-use management.

Judy Sventek stated that the goals and policies of the ecosystem health section could be clearer. She said it wasn't clear that "daylighting" resources meant restoring historic resources and that opportunities for retrofits or restoration should be clearer.

John Blackstone asked if there were opportunities in the CRWD for wetland restoration? Bob Fossum responded by stating that the CRWD has developed wetland restoration plans. The group thinks it would be good to mention this in the introduction to Ecosystem Health.

Phil Belfiori stated that the City of St. Paul is developing policies regarding green design / green infrastructure that could address stormwater management in addition to other objectives of the CRWD.

**Capitol Region Watershed District
Technical Advisory Committee
Land and Natural Resource Inventory Section Meeting**

Tuesday, April 21, 2009
9:00 – 11:00 AM

Capitol Region Watershed District
1410 Energy Park Dr., Suite 4
Saint Paul, MN 55108

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: *TAC:* Judy Sventek (Met Council), Phil Belfiori (St. Paul), Larry Zangs(St. Paul), Anne Weber (St. Paul), Melissa Lewis(BWSR), Dave Schuler(St. Paul Regional Water Services), Kristine Giga (Roseville), Brian Tourtelotte (St. Paul), *CRWD Staff:* Bob Fossum, Mark Doneux, *Consultant Team:* Pat Conrad, EOR, Inc.

Introductions & Comments

Bob Fossum introduced the Land and Natural Resource Inventory section of the Plan and provided general information on the Watershed Management Plan process.

TAC Discussion of Land and Natural Resource Inventory

Judy S. indicated that she thought the section looked good. Stated that all the City Comp Plans have been submitted to Met Council, except Maplewood which was expected soon.

Phil B. stated that he felt the section had a very basic watershed management feel. He indicated that the City of St. Paul would like to the plan to define strategic roles for the District and its partners. Phil feels that it is more important to describe roles and process in the Plan rather than identify specific opportunities for collaboration.

Judy S. supports the idea of having some of the historical data, particularly the information from Greg Brick, in callout boxes.

Significant discussion from all participants on 'named' resources; lakes, ponds, wetlands.

Mark D. stated that any names used in the maps should be from citable sources.

Figure 16 needs to better convey wetlands vs. stormwater ponds vs. stormwater ponds built in wetlands [information will be provided when wetland management plan is finished and incorporated]

Anne W. – The City can not provide a 5 year Plan of activities to include in the WMP. She is concerned that if that information was updated and provided in the District Plan then the City would be required to update their local plan with the updated information.

Significant discussion from St. Paul representatives on the inability to forecast what projects they will be doing over the next 5 years. Conclusion to discussion was that the District cannot plan for specific City projects further out than a year. The District needs to lay out a process in which they

are aware of the planning/budgeting process of the various departments within the City to find opportunities for collaboration.

Phil stated that the City has a 'performance standards' approach to TMDL implementation.

City is concerned with additional requirements and regulation from the District.

Kristine – Following up on notes in the Section. There is public access in the form of a County Park at Woodview Marsh, Rocky's Marsh is private property and Alameda Pond has a City Park.

**Capitol Region Watershed District
Community Group Meeting
Implementation Plan Meeting**

Tuesday, July 21, 2009
5:00 – 7:30 PM

Jimmy Lee Recreation Center
270 Lexington Parkway N., St. Paul, MN

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Tonya Nicholie, *Staff:* Bob Fossum, *Consultant Team:* Pat Conrad

Tonya stated that she was in favor of the idea of having an interactive GIS tool similar to a Google Earth application

Tonya asked for clarification of the work proposed for Crosby Lake

Bob explained what was being proposed was to develop a plan for managing the lake similar to what has been done for Como and McCarrons.

Tonya stated that she liked the idea of opening up Fountain Cave

Tonya mentioned that there was some pending development at the Schmidt Brewery site, specifically a condo project at the Bottle house. May be a great opportunity to restore wetland at the site.

Tonya stated that there were significant changes in hydrology when 35E was constructed.

Tonya stated that there is a master plan for the Koch Mobile site that the District should see.

Bob responded that the District was aware of the master plan.

Tonya stated that she was very supportive of the Stream Corridor Restoration Plan.

Tonya mentioned that there is a proposal to extend a bike path along Jefferson which would include a connection to the river.

**Capitol Region Watershed District
Community Group
Implementation Plan Meeting**

Thursday, July 23, 2009
12:00 – 3:00 PM

Capitol Region Watershed District
1410 Energy Park Dr., Suite 4
Saint Paul, MN 55108

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Trevor Russell (Friends of Mississippi River), Bob Milligan (Lauderdale),
Staff: Bob Fossum *Consultant Team:* Pat Conrad

Bob F introduced the topics to be covered during the meeting and summarized the contents of the wetland management plan.

Bob M asked what type of prioritization was placed on wetland management particularly on the level of spending. Bob M thought the projects were appropriate. Questioning whether it is better to improve existing wetlands or create new wetlands.

Bob F responded that the cost to improve is lower than to create but there are secondary benefits to creating new wetlands.

Bob F also stated that there will be feasibility studies done prior to any potential wetland creation or improvement projects that will help with the prioritization.

Trevor stated that restoring wetlands in the watershed district is very important but improving/protecting existing wetlands should be the priority.

Trevor also stated that it is important to spread out the wetlands particularly in light of the stream restorations.

Bob F went through the Stream Restoration Plan and there were several questions on specific details with the restorations.

Trevor question whether 'gravity vs. pumped' was different from constructability.

Bob F & Pat explained the two terms and the analysis that was completed.

Trevor stated that it would be important to show the connection between efforts – stream and wetland as well as others such as restoration of Crosby Lake.

Bob M asked how the District will prioritize stream restoration projects.
Significant discussion following on the way in which potential projects would be prioritized.

Trevor stated that the timing of feasibility study to coincide with development plans would be beneficial. He also stated that he is in favor of the Hidden Falls creek project.

Bob Milligan feels that it will important to have support of the political leaders.

Trevor stated that the District needs to move on the Mears Park project because of the Light Rail work coming in. He feels that the urgency of this work should make the Mears Park project a higher priority.

Trevor suggested adding a column called 'opportunity' to the ranking table.

Trevor commented that the Stream Corridor Restoration Plan looks very good and Bob M said that it is a good long term planning document.

Trevor asked if there are tangible water quality benefits and stated that he thinks that should be the priority.

Bob F opened the discussion to general big picture comments on the implementation plan.

Bob M noticed that the average annual budget proposed in the implementation plan is about 4.3 million and asked how that compares to what CRWD is doing now?

Bob F explained that it's almost double what CRWD is doing now.

Bob M asked if the District will expand their spending to this level.

Bob F explained that the implementation plan has not been reviewed to the level of detail. Wanted to lay out the things that want to be done, identify where there are needs to get cooperation from partners and apply for grants

Bob M agreed that the District needs to have some prioritization of activities that will definitely be done and identify those which will only be done if there are grants or outside funding made available.

Bob M asked if the proportionate break down of administration, program and capital expenditure is consistent with what you've done in the past.

Bob F explained that it has varied as the District matured.

Bob M noted that the 'per year' expenditure is higher in years 4-6.

Bob M mentioned that there is very little talk of measurability of goals within the plan.

Pat explained that evaluation criteria were being developed for each of the implementation activities.

Trevor likes the idea of the baseline knowledge survey and mentioned that it was desperately needed in the education community.

Trevor noted that on Page 15 the reference in item g should be the “ Clean Water Minnesota media campaign.

Trevor asked about the difference between ‘unregulated entities’ and ‘existing sites’.

Bob F explained what was meant by each term.

Trevor stated the importance of incorporating volunteers into District activities.

Trevor supports the idea of a green CRWD office building.

Bob M liked the connection to what other watershed districts are doing and encourage that to be amplified when ever possible.

**Capitol Region Watershed District
Technical Advisory Committee
Wetland and Stream Restoration Plans Meeting**

Tuesday, July 21, 2009
9:00 – Noon

Capitol Region Watershed District
1410 Energy Park Dr., Suite 4
Saint Paul, MN 55108

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Bruce Henningsgaard and Denise Leezer (MPCA) Molly Churchich, Brian Beck (Ramsey County) Geoffrey Nash (Ramsey Conservation District), Judy Sventek (Met Council), Cy Kosel, Brian Tourtelotte, Phil Belfiori (St. Paul), Joni Giese (St. Paul Riverfront Development Corp), Steve Kummer(Maplewood), *CRWD:* Bob Fossum, Mark Doneux, *Consultant Team:* Pat Conrad, Nancy-Jeanne LeFevre

Introduction

Bob made introductory comments and summarized timeline for review process. Intent is to meet again next week for second half of review – on the Implementation section, table and narrative.

Emphasis on today's meeting is the Wetland Management Plan and the Stream Corridor Restoration Plan, but first the group would review the latest drafts of the LWRI and Issues and Goals Sections.

Bob moved on to agenda items 3 and 4 on the latest drafts of the LWRI and Issues & Goals Sections and asked for comments. There were no comments.

Stream Corridor Restoration Plan

Bob introduced the Stream Corridor Restoration Plan and Nancy-Jeanne gave a presentation to the TAC as a way to review the proposed corridors. Joni asked how the two plans would be pulled into the Plan. Bob explained that they were pulled out so that they could be reviewed in their entirety but that they would become appendices to the Plan.

Steve asked if the District was proposing to develop a park along the streams. What are you looking at for bringing people to the streams?

Bob explained that the District would be looking at trails and public access. Property ownership and land use are definite issues that will need to be examined.

Phil commented that this section is a land use plan and St. Paul would love to be involved. Need to be involved early. Looking for partnerships. St. Paul will be providing comments next week. They would want to be co-authors of feasibility studies. Need to treat the whole idea of 'bringing water back to St. Paul' as a cooperative effort between the District and the City.

Cy asked if the District would be looking at doing Trout Brook as one big project or tackling smaller pieces as they can.

Bob explained that it would likely be the latter.

Phil – how much land does the District own on top of TBI. Bob – The District has an easement on the order of 30 feet.

Ford Plant and Hidden Falls Creek. Phil explained that St. Paul with Barr Engineering is completing a feasibility study for Ford Plant that will evaluate having a water feature on the site. They took a ‘sustainable corridor’ approach.

Bob stated that the District would like to reference that feasibility study in the Plan and requested a copy.

Phalen Creek - -no comments.

Sarita Stream – no comments

Summit Avenue – Finn’s Stream. Phil stated that the City will need to know who is going to maintain the amenity. Needs to be an early discussion on maintenance and responsibility.

Joni stated that it would be beneficial to specify what the additional things that will be investigated during the feasibility study so that people understand what issues will be reviewed. It would also go along way towards assuring people that the many unanswered questions will be looked at.

Bruce agreed that maintenance is critical issue, need to make sure that they are not just open storm sewers.

Phil wants to make sure that the City is involved from ‘day-one’. Consistency of the water source is an issue and there are maintenance issues concerned with that.

Denise asked what type of input the District was looking for from the TAC.

Bob stated that the District would like the TAC to help with prioritizing which areas to look at.

Mears Creek – more of a stream by reference rather than an actual stream.

Joni – might be an opportunity with the light rail and the maintenance station. Look at the station plan.

Nancy-Jeanne then reviewed Highland Creek, Rice, Gateway, and Cascade Creek/Fountain Creek.

Brian asked who would be the implementing agency?

Mark answered that it depends on the site. It could be a developer, Parks, CRWD.

Cy – need to make sure the streams stay clean. There are a lot of maintenance issue with the streams like Swede Hollow right now. Litter is a big concern, especially the State Fair.

Phil – need to look at where areas will be redeveloped – Ford, LRT, 3M. Use those as the priority because there are know projects that will be occurring there.

Brian stated that the plan should include the Como stream from Como to Loeb. He is excited about the Mears Creek idea because of the educational aspect. How does the public outreach portion work? The District should connect that aspect to the stream restoration plan. Currently this is not directly stated in the Plan. Brian gave the example of the symbolic stream at the Landmark Plaza.

Bruce made a comment that landowners are going to be concerned with flooding, bank erosion and higher water tables, odors, and safety issues with storm sewer intakes.

Judy asked what will the quality of the water be in the streams?

Bruce stated that the priority should be something that was more natural.

Joni stated that the terms 'stream and creek' may be misleading to the public. Define what the various types would be... what they would look like.

Phil likes the idea of term 'green infrastructure' rather than stream.

Denise mentioned the concern that they would become 'waters of the state' and then would be regulated as such.

Brian stated that community involvement will be critical. How would that go? Finns Creek is going to be a tough one from a community support aspect.

Cy said that the District might want to have the Ford one in place to serve as an example.

Denise asked if there was any research being done on stream daylighting, particularly on the need for maintenance.

Bob responded that the District has not looked into that aspect yet, but is aware that there are numerous national examples.

Bruce stated that it would be good to be able to clearly demonstrate water quality benefits or increase in property values resulting from stream restorations.

Joni stated that there is a local example of a 'figurative' stream at the landmark center that she will share with the District. She offered to send photographs and information.

Wetland Management Plan

Bob F gave a power point presentation on the Wetland Management Plan.

Cy asked if existing sites would be grandfathered in.

Bob explained that any proposed wetland rules would only be triggered by a land use changes.

Phil stated that all of the comments he made on the Stream plan apply to wetland restorations as well, particularly the need for maintenance.

Bruce asked what changes were found in wetlands from 1999 to 2008

Brian asked how the District thought the wetland restorations would be accomplished and stated that the 100k budget seems low.

Cy stated that it would be best to have wetland restorations come ahead of stream restorations.

Cy stated that a wetland restoration at the Schmidt Brewery site could potentially be seen as an amenity to the site.

Cy stated that the priority for wetland restorations should be in areas that are adjacent to existing wetlands.

Judy asked if the District intended to prioritize wetland restoration sites.

**Capitol Region Watershed District
Technical Advisory Committee
Implementation Plan Meeting**

Tuesday, July 28, 2009
9:00 – Noon

Capitol Region Watershed District
1410 Energy Park Dr., Suite 4
Saint Paul, MN 55108

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Judy Sventek (Met Council), Phil Belfiori, Brian Tourtelotte, Cy Kosel (St. Paul), Joni Giese (St. Paul Riverfront Corporation), Molly Churchich (Ramsey County)
CRWD: Bob Piram, Bob Fossum, Mark Doneux, *Consultant Team:* Pat Conrad

Bob F introduced the materials that were in the mailed packet and explained their content in general terms.

General Comments

Bob asked for comments on: Areas that are poorly defined or confusing; activities that you feel are high priority; or should be a lower priority.

The agenda was organized by the main budget headings; programs, projects, capital improvement

Joni stated that in the introduction there is some confusion on the difference between projects and CIP. It could be better explained in the introduction. Also – could do a better job of explaining how they were prioritized.

Bob F stated that it has been an indirect prioritization. Basically; higher priority activities are proposed earlier and/or have greater financing. Bob also mentioned that the Community Group said that it would be helpful to identify things that are definitely going to happen and those that would only happen if there was outside funding provided.

Brian noted that there are a couple ‘district commitment’ statements made in the introduction. He wants to add – commit to positive relationships with partners and clarity in proposals. Brian mentioned the Como 3 Subwatershed Analysis as an example where the City’s input has been ignored. The Como 3 activities are included in the plan but the City has already commented that there are problems with those projects. Clarity in proposals. Partnerships are a two way street and the District appears to have ignored the City’s input on the Como 3 activities.

Bob responded to Brian’s comment – the District does strive for clarity. On Como 3 – the District has committed to a revised draft of that plan. The staff of Parks and Recreation listed their main concern of using park land – District’s approach is to acknowledge that the issue still needs to be addressed in fact there are similar concerns with ALL projects and activities that the District proposes to conduct. We recognize that we need willing property owners, etc, in all the projects. The activities in the plan, including the Como 3s are no where near being a ‘done-deal’.

Phil stated that the City welcomes the partnership. Likes that partnerships are brought out as a guiding principal in the Issues section. City would like to have a 'working session' where they would develop language together to describe partnership/cooperation aspect of the various projects and programs.

Bob F stated that he'd be happy to meet with the group at any time assuming that it fits in with the review timeline. Bob F suggested discussing a follow-up meeting after the TAC meeting.

Cy suggested adding language explaining that the area is difficult because there is no vacant or undeveloped land and the District needs to develop agreements/relationships with landowners.

District Programs

Brian asked how the well sealing program meshes with the Dept of Health and the Ramsey Conservation District.

Mark stated that the Dept of Health and Ramsey Conservation don't provide cost sharing.

Cy asked if the District has a report that compares where the District is (rules wise) compared to other areas.

Bob F stated that the District completed that comparison with RWMWD when the Rules were being written in 2006. The District is beginning to look at how they compare nationally.

Cy would like to see how the District compares with other areas like Chicago.

Judy mentioned that the Lower Rum WMO and Mississippi WMO did a rules comparison recently.

Phil stated that the City has a lot of questions on the District's idea of working on stormwater management on existing sites. There needs to be more explanation on how it would work. How would regulation mesh with the stewardship aspect.

Bob F stated that the District intentionally left this out of the 'regulation' section because the District is not presuming it will be accomplished entirely through regulation. The task in the plan indicates a look at incentives, regulations and other approaches.

Phil mentioned that the City is an MS4 and their new permit is being drafted. They have to look at new programs – it would be nice to have a process where we look at all the requirements they have.

Bob pointed out page 19 item 225I – watershed approach to ms4 and TMDL compliance. This is where the District tries to get at that idea. This item lays out a process by which the District would work with the various entities. Bob asked if this gets at what you were mentioning? Phil stated that he would like to have it further fleshed out in the Plan and that their programs have not been acknowledged in the Plan.

Joni – Page 18 – more insight on the interactive pollutant tool. Needs more detail in the description.

Bob explained how the tool could potentially work.

Mark mentioned that Center for Neighborhood Technology in Chicago has a 'green calculator' that is similar in concept.

Phil stated that the City would like to be added as a cooperator on this.

Cy asked if it was possible to see what other entities are planning to do by using an overlay to see where there are commonalities?

Bob – that is essentially how we developed the maps for the wetlands and the stream.

Phil – The City of St. Paul Water Resource Working Group is interested in helping District get additional information into the plan.

Bob – Who is in the water resource working group?

Phil – all departments in city except fire, police, finance. Basically anyone related to water resource, land use. Group will serve as a coordinated review entity for the City.

Bob P – Is the Port Authority part of the group? Phil--Not yet but they are looking at pulling them in.

Brain complimented the intent to look into green programs, glad to see the District involved in that. Intent to monitor climate change impacts is also a good idea.

Joni asked does the District see their role in gathering and distributing research?

Bob F responded yes, couple points in Plan where we discuss research, data gathering and clearinghouse. BMP database – looking into various components of design, maintenance, costs, etc. All intended to help partners make decisions.

Phil stated that the City would like to give input on how BMP performance is evaluated so that it's similar to how they are looking at BMPs.

District Projects

Phil – Subwatershed plans are an area where the water resources group would like to have an active role as a cooperator. City would like to be involved before the feasibility study begins because the staff has been involved in planning efforts. Also need to incorporate any plans that the city has for changes/projects in the areas.

Bob F responded that the City could also be involved in funding of subwatershed plans.

Brian said that Parks & Rec acknowledges that they have fallen behind in long term planning and specifically in the area of surface water runoff.

Brian mentioned that there are needs occasionally for wetland mitigation projects that come through the City. It would be nice to have sites ready to go if a developer comes along.

Judy – What about the draft MAC requirements for water in fly-zones? How does that affect the location of wetland creations? CRWD will review and comment on it when it comes out and that will need to be considered when feasibility studies are conducted.

Mark commented on whether or not the District should move the wetland restoration feasibility study sooner. General consensus was that it should be sooner.

Phil asked would there be a wetland bank where people could buy in.

Bob F responded that it would be best option to have it work that way.

Cy stated that he was surprised that there is so little information about Crosby. Need to start on that. Management Plan proposed is a good idea. Cy noted the documented erosion coming off Sheppard Road and that nothing has been done to correct it to his knowledge.

Bob responded that there was a Crosby Park Natural Resource Plan developed but it didn't specifically look at the lake. The lake definitely needs to have a management plan.

Cy mentioned that Tom Peterson at RCD received a grant to examine the erosion at Crosby but no one was clear on what work had been done.

Mark stated that vegetative management in the Crosby area has been addressed.

Joni feels that the Mississippi River needs to be more prominently addressed in the Plan, particularly bank erosion.

Bob F responded that there is not any specific implementation activity for Mississippi River bank stabilization but area 301 proposes riverbank stability evaluation. Bob pointed out that bluff erosion and riverbank erosion are two distinct processes.

Mark mentioned that the Mississippi WMO did an inventory of erosion along the riverbank and it became a rather large effort with coordination of the many entities.

Phil stated that subwatershed analyses in other parts of the City is being worked on by the City and are another area where the City would like to sit down with the District and discuss coordination.

Cy asked about the impact of dog parks along the river because the City is being asked to provide them. He is concerned that there tends to be a lack of vegetation at dog parks and that may lead to greater erosion.

Phil stated that St. Paul has developed a green building policy that contains a stormwater overlay.

Bob requested a copy of the draft policy and Phil said he believed it could be found on the City website.

Capital Improvements

Joni stated that she was very excited about Section 450.

Noted that there is a Debt Services item. Does the District intend to incur debt.

Mark explained that the District has in the past, specifically issued bonds for the Arlington Pascal improvements

Remaining Review Timeline

Bob described the process and timeline remaining for the Plan development.

Phil requested that the City have a chance to review the 'impact to local government' section prior to the District sending out the Public Review Draft of the Plan.

Cy asked if the City would be able to get a 'track changes' version of the plan after comments are incorporated.

Phil stated the City's water resource working group would like to have a work session where they can help make additional statements in the Plan that best communicates the City's involvement and coordination.

Bob responded that the meeting needs to happen ASAP to fit into the review process and requested that City staff come to the meeting with specific text changes rather than general questions or comments.