

Black River RAP - 4/9/2012

Next Meeting

tentative date would be July 16-17 or the 23-24
 need to find location
 will announce date to RAP Committee Members as soon as possible, will also post on website

In Attendance



New Business

Jan and Feb
 N Ridgeville/Abbe Road Sewage treatment plant
 Speaker about remediation
 may like to have them speak at our October meeting
 Donald Gest
 Quasar energy group

wastewater treatment group
 Attended NE Ohio group meeting
 Jennifer Wasilk

maybe ask this person to come in says it costs half the money compared to pulling out a failing system
 need to understand what is being pushed on potential customers
 see if there are any results
 this is the person who she emailed LCGID about

engineer has a septic seed package to remediate failing septic systems
 vet some of these people who maybe helping with remediation efforts

Ditch Cleaning
 Improve water quality
 any ideas for projects contact them
 Board of Trustees Meeting?

Ted locate a study on how to ditch clean: 3 different methods
 most popular is ditch cleaning
 Stormwater District grants for improving water quality

no contracts yet
 public bidding
 there's a distributor in Sheffield who may be able to speak about this to our group

3 of townships have requested info on pervious pavement

Stormwater District for co-permitting on MS4s in unincorporated areas
 Ohio EPA as lead for NPDES MS4
 Developing hotline

involving stormwater action, RAP, etc.
 11 individuals from soil & water, county departments, trustees

gas capture? drilling?
 East branch of rocky river, Lodi
 planning to use water from black river as source of water

permits for Sullivan & watershed around Lodi
 landowner interests and concerns

Summer Meeting a possibility
 may be something the RAP looks at

Friday May 4, 2012 at LCCC
 share info re: chick-fil-a leadeircast
 hosted by LCGID

2012 Summer Sampling and its Ramifications to AOC BUIs

Ted Conlin

BUI Summary per major sub-basin

Delisting Criteria
 Fish populations
 Most current data was at 88% of delisting criteria

New Assessments planned for 2012
 Fish Tumors
 In recovery phase
 Cuyahoga, Black, and Maumee

Benthos
 Most current was at 75% delisting criteria

Fish habitat
 Most current data at 75% delisting criteria

Improvement by City of Lorain will affect BUI's
 fish populations
 recreational use
 aesthetics
 fish and wildlife habitat

BUIs impaired throughout AOC
 listed as a BUI as Impaired for entire watershed
 debris - does not include natural

are the state's listing/delisting criteria practical, attainable, measurable, and representative of why the original RAP Coord committee listed aesthetics as impaired?
 Why was it considered impaired in the past?
 it was originally listed because of debris, oil sheen from steel plants.

specific review of listing/delisting criteria is needed for our specific AOC

Aesthetics BUI
 Sub-committee be formed to look at this? difficult to quantify

Cheryl Wolfe-Cragin
 Kristen Risch
 Eddie Herdendorf
 Locally driven
 Volunteered to help and assist
 Ted

Suggestion: find % of river that has 100 ft or more of riparian zone
 LCGID: we can demonstrate a reduction of public health nuisances
 pre-treatment programs for effluent
 see what other states have for delisting guidance
 survey on fisherman, etc. on the river to get their perceptions of the river's health

Summer Sampling
 sampling in summer 2012
 have a report of results in spring 2013

2012 City of Lorain Kayak-a-thon

June 23, 2012: same day as International Festival
 First race is long race, nearly 12 miles, starts at 8:30 AM
 4 classes of short race
 Recreational float
 2 raffles of stand-up paddle boards; prizes
 Webpage: lorainblackriver.com
 88 participated last year, hoping for double increase recreation on the river
 Public outreach for NOAA projects
 People from NOAA come in
 The Heron Run
 Practice Run May 1st
 10 at check-in
 3-4 at finish
 5 stops
 Could use volunteers
 Put-in Spot: French Creek

Watershed Action Plan Update

Kristen Brandon
 WAP from Kristen Risch and Chad
 Endorsement from ODNR
 Will then be posted to ODNR website
 We can link to it from their website.

Don R
 Bring back watershed coordinator
 would like to bring one back, sustainable position
 have been working on it at county continuing to pursue.
 need to have the appropriate job description
 advocacy and consensus building
 mmore than hard science
 possibly share duties with Stormwater and share funds.
 Need someone to guide the WAP

LC Storm water district: board had meeting
 implementation phase from state grants
 may be source for funding of watershed coordinator

Wellington gas leak presentation

Presentation from Kurt Kollar, Ohio EPA, Emergency Response Division
 January 12, 23:12 hours
 call from wellington fire dept.
 Will get a summary from Kurt to post

2011 Annual Report Topics

Andy, Karl, Jim
 anecdotal
 recommendations for the future
 Their experience over the past 20 years

perspectives from the retirees
 Possible interviews with retired members

Ken Pearce
 Watershed Action Plan update
 Wellington Gas Leak?