

Black River RAP Meeting 10/18/2010 - Oberlin Depot

Welcome - Ken Pearce

Meeting started 1:36 PM

3 Stage Process

- Stage 1 - Identify Problems
 - Stage 2 - Identify Solutions
- Required by June/July 2011

Why now?

Projects that lead to delisting (Need to include the Who, What, When, Where & Cost)

We have 9 BUIs: Fish Tumors, Fish Consumption, Fish Populations, Benthos, Dredging, Eutrophication/Algae, Beach Closings/Recreational Use, Aesthetics, Fish & Wildlife Habitat

Activities necessary for delisting, like costs of public meetings, special presentations, etc. (Who, What, When, Where & Cost)

Not everything in Stage 2 will be funded but if something is not in Stage 2, it will be difficult to get it funded through GLNPO/US EPA

What's needed in stage 2 report

Andy: We should do an internal review first. (Kim: via createsend)

To help get report writing started, has been working on a draft and will turn over to a committee to work out the final draft.

Ken

- Have a project manager to list details
- Project Management Plan for each item

Anne-Marie

CSO, SSO, HSTS GLNPO not jumping on funding these items

Asked by GLNPO: "What would it take to delist?"
 Anne-Marie's Answer: the only way to delist is to go back to the original AOC as it was defined when the RAP was started
 original listing was the Mainstem (hotspot)

BUI Restrictions

- restrictions on fish consumption
- degradation of fish populations could delist east branch
- fish tumors in recover
- degradation of benthos limited data set for west branch
- restrictions on dredging in preliminary review
- eutrophication stage 1 in Grafton, Findley lake & Brentwood lake
 Findley lake is left because the others are fixed
- beach closings
- degradation of aesthetics
- loss of fish habitat delist east, problems still in main french creek upper is bad but lower is good upper west branch and lower half of watershed still have issues

Jennifer Wasilk

- Phosphorous? Andy: Dissolved phosphorous assumed to come from agriculture and different fertilizers
- Can see where Cheryl is coming from and getting back to "grass roots" Worry of losing the RAP with delisting
- Funding issues?

Stage 2 Report Update - Ted Conlin

Support Money to LCGHD - Ted Conlin

\$30,000 per year each year for the next 5 years
 Ken and Ted are working out the details of the contract

GLRI Money Update - Ted Conlin

- Money came late from GLNPO, so what was intended for this year won't be started until next year
- What was asked for
 - 2010
 - \$25,000 for Fish, Benthos & Habitat study of the East Branch
 - \$4,000 for bacteria study of upper East Branch
 - \$36,000 for Fish, Benthos & Habitat study of the West Branch
 - \$21,000 for Fish, Benthos & Habitat study of the Mainstem
 - Will not happen until spring of 2011 due to late arrival of funds
- What will be asked for
 - 2011
 - \$17,000 for Fish, Benthos & Habitat study of the French Creek
 - \$7,000 for Fish Tissue in Findley Lake (same in 2012)
 - Algae Study for Findley Lake (same in 2012)
 - Will not happen until 2012 due to previously delayed funding

Announcements

NOACA serving on advisory committee Cuyahoga County BOH Andy
 Jim and Christina as well as members from Avon Lake

New Business

Two Facebook Groups
 May have RAP co-sponsor project
 Willow Tree planting in the spring
 Would need a public site or willing land owner

Old Business

Watershed Update - Christina Znidarsic

SEP Money - Andy Vidra