

## January 11, 2010 Black River RAP Meeting

### Anne Marie- Update on Lower Black River Restoration Master Plan-

- Can get anyone a copy of the plan on CD, it is over 100 pages
- Final plan has gone through numerous iterations
- Final is far beyond where it was initially
- Plan is meant to be a living document. It can be amended as projects are implemented and new ones arise.
- Plan should be reviewed every 5 years or so
  - See what projects are done, working on, etc.
- Appendices have been amended and adapted quite a bit
- 18<sup>th</sup> of December
- Next step- On December 21, 2009, City of Lorain representatives took the October draft plan to city council for review. City council sent the draft plan to subcommittee for further review- TED
- An e-mail was sent out previously to the RAP members to offer a CD of the plan, please remember to e-mail Anne Marie by Jan 29<sup>th</sup> for one if interested
- The final plan can be posted on the website
- There is state SEP (Supplemental Environmental Project) money set aside to fund an initial project(s) in the short term- RAP members need to discuss thoughts on which project(s) to choose
- Care Grant available- Ken

### SEP- Ted

- To use the \$100,000 SEP fund
  - Project has to be in the master plan
  - Approved by RAP
  - Approved by Ohio EPA
  - Approved by Western Reserve Land Conservancy
  - 2 years to use \$ or it goes to retrofit school buses in Ohio
  - An example of costs is Port Authority Fish Shelf Extension which was \$60,000- added 250 ft
  - Anne Marie- RAP members need to review the Master Plan to see which projects can be worked on first to use SEP money
    - Need to have thoughts together by fall 2010
    - Have initial project suggestions by April RAP meeting- all go through plan

### Great Lakes Restoration Initiative- Ted

- There will be pass through money to states
  - To fund Ohio Rap Coordinator positions and possibly health District staff that are supporting RAP administration
  - Possible Fish tissue study for fish tumor BUI probably will be asked for in 2011
  - Fish Tissue study of sport fish in 2011/2013 for the consumption advisories will be needed

- Need to look at the algae in Findley Lake and Brentwood Lake (within the BR AOC)
  - Need to update the bio-data for French Creek, the Mainstem, West Branch and East Branch of the Black River which haven't been looked at in a while by the state
- If GLRI extended to 5 years, state will ask for 4 more years of Coordinator funding and :
  - Health Dept RAP support funding and whatever else is needed locally
- RAP members- A reminder: If you or your organization are doing something RAP/watershed/AOC related, let us know- RAP members can possibly help with technical points or at least provided letters of support for funding opportunities
  - But please be aware that for more formal letters of support, an early request to the RAP will be needed in order to arrange the letter and get RAP concurrence
- The earlier brought up to committee, can go more formal with letter of support
- Are demonstration projects possible for GLRI? (Jeff VanLoon, Medina SWCD) - Ted C. says RAP \$ = focus on delisting of BUI or AOC
- GLNPO looking for applicants to be able to say we need this \$ to delist or very closely delist BUI(s)
- Matches for \$ may not be required or the match may be decreased under GLRI programs, but applicants may be able to use a funding match to make their application look better
  - Non-profits can't always come up with 30% match- i.e.
- Listed partners on applications can be checked as well by reviewers

Fish Consumption: Between ODH and Ohio EPA, the fish tissue of sports fish will be looked at 2011-2013 – but not part of GLRI

Anne Marie- GLRI- listing available of all GLRI categories for funding- Anne Marie will get website to RR and KP

Twitter available for GLRI as well

There is a red box on the GLNPO site that contains links for GLNPO GLRI information.

Update on Watershed- Dan Gouch has left the Black River Watershed Coordinator position with Lorain County to pursue a Masters Degree.

Christina Znidarsic has taken over- email is [cznidarsic@loraincounty.us](mailto:cznidarsic@loraincounty.us)

Dan feels that she will be good replacement, confident in her- Anne Marie

Please add her to email lists

How long is funding available for county position- through 2010

Lyn Luttner has retired from the USEPA Cleveland Office

Mark Durno is acting in that spot as of now until approximately June 2010

#### Annual Report: Suggested Topics- Ted

- Stimulus funding for HSTS- Jim will be available to submit that since Dan Gouch has left the coordinator position
- Dredging and Cleaner Sediments in Shipping Channel
- Master Plan- Anne Marie will see if Danielle can write something up
- Elyria's Greenway and Trail Master
- Craig Limpach's project- Jim B.
  - Jim has asked for complete draft for review and comment

Give any ideas to Ted ASAP so it can be brought to April meeting

#### Ford Road Landfill

- There are concerns that the landfill cell was split in 2 sections by WWTP pipes. As a result, some waste may still be located on the other side of these pipes
- Major concern- NE corner of landfill, closest to BR Mainstem- in 2009 found organic phase (thin phase sheen) coming out into the river- Amount is in %'s of PCBs
- Still trying to figure out what to do
- Groups involved do not know what the head pressure is or where the water levels fluctuate within the landfill
- Hard armoring: a sheet pile wall in NE corner to hold back contaminants - possible idea
- Trees in sloped areas- roots can expose potential problems if tree falls over. Slopes of the landfill are too severe - and need to be reduced for better stability.
- Are they asking parks to cut trees down? Discussion
  - Possible to cut weight of tree off, but leave roots in place

#### Secretariat

- New health district housed website for the RAP has had 5000 hits over the first 9 months
- Banner space is available if partners have events that they want to advertise

#### Old Business:

Anne Marie - Draft application for redesignation of Dredging BUI – Chicago is busy with GLRI so this will wait for a bit to move forward. Anne Marie will e-mail John P soon or set up conference call with Ted and John; 10-15 minutes to give John a thumbnail sketch over phone, need to know whether to continue or not with in recovery phase redesignation – does GLNPO need more information or is the draft good enough justification...we want to move on quickly with this effort

#### Andy Vidra (NOACA) - LORCO

- LORCO has 20% Carlisle, 40% Eaton sewer line installed and surveyed
- Elyria filed Oct/Nov to ERAC to stop installation- A hearing will be held in April on behalf of Elyria with ERAC
- Idea when lateral will be put in - approximately 18 months for full

construction. Should open in 2011- Jim B. (LCGHD) - systems 7 years or less are grandfathered in and will not be required to tie in until system fails or home sells.

- Line is available when EPA and NOACA declare available- line currently up to Avon is not available as it exists.
- Engineer approval for tie in- low pressure line
- Does down economy have an impact on this? They have looked into this and do not feel that it has that large of an impact

Adjourned- 3PM