

# Middle James Roundtable Steering Committee Meeting

MINUTES

APRIL 30, 2019

10AM-2PM

THE ORDINARY, HENRICUS

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Nancy Drumheller, Chairperson
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Quarterly Meeting
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Amber Ellis
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Jennifer Palmore (DEQ), Kathleen Ogilvy (DOF), Olivia Hall (Henrico), Nancy Drumheller (CVWMA), Amber Ellis (JRA), Jenn Clarke (RVA DPU), Lorne Field (Chesterfield), Betty McCracken (MSWCD), Meredith Dash (ACB), Ann Jennings (Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources), Jonet Prevost-White, (RVA DPU), Sharon Conner (Hanover-Caroline SWCD), Cirse Gonzalez (CBNERR - VIMS)

## Agenda topics

FISCAL UPDATE

LORNE FIELD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Overage for Constant Contact of \$89 Current grant - spent money on constant contact renewal, soil test vouchers, and rain garden. Total spent \$858.98	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		

CHESAPEAKE BAY PHASE III WIP

ANNE JENNINGS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p><b>**include attachment of presentation**</b></p> <p>Anne Jennings is looking for suggestions that she can take back with her. If MJRT members want to use her presentation to give to other groups, it is available. Looking for as much input from the public as possible.</p> <p>Progress (3 points):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Bay Model shows that Virginia achieved midpoint for Clean Water Goals for Nitrogen</li> <li>2. Every 2 years DEQ release their Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report. Highlights include improvements seen in James and Rappahannock, and several Bay segments. Hypoxia continues to be an issue in portions of the Bay. 42% of waters are meeting standards.</li> <li>3. Chesapeake Bay and Tidal Tributaries Highlights: SAV restoration target is 77,463 acres. We are over 55% of the way there.</li> </ol> <p>Impacts of climate change have been added to WIP III in Virginia.</p> <p>WIP III is taking a more practical approach by working closely with Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) and Planning District Commissions (PDC).</p> <p>Building Targets - Looking at building upon enhancing existing state, federal, and local programs, then input from PDC and SWCD input decks and programmatic actions, then new state initiatives (last one is where really looking for feedback)</p> <p>New State initiatives: ag, wastewater, dev lands, septic, mult sectors.</p> <p>Comments are being taken from early April through June 7 Two webinars - May 13 at 9am and 6pm Final phase III WIP will be posted no later than August 9 on DEQ and SNR websites</p> <p><b>QUESTIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equine Subcommittee - working on pilot program. providing authority to local governments to set land requirements for horse owners. How does this affect how we treat other livestock? How do you set these requirements?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Answer - proposal is looking at carrying capacity. There's a difference in commercial operation vs pleasure ownership. James City County allows 7 horses per acre, which is just</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<p>too much. If providing cost share to horse owners, the capacity is important to ensure the BMP can actually do what it's supposed to do.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virginia Cost Assistance Program (VCAP) - City of Richmond gets a lot of inquiries from residents. Is there going to be a way for urban communities to take advantage? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Answer - Money is to go through SWCDs. For those localities that don't have a SWCD, the locality can develop a MOA with a SWCD. There may be a cost to the locality to support SWCD staff.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If Goochland County were to be under Chesapeake Bay Act, that would be a huge lift. Is there funding to support and educate county staff? All of the reporting, enforcement, code writing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Answer - yes, it has to be part of the conversation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Resource Management Plans (RMP) meets Chesapeake Bay Act, but because of privacy issues SWCD can't tell DEQ where they are. How do we go about reporting plan acreages that meet ches bay act? In addition with VCAP, there's no way for Chesterfield to confirm that they went in and are being maintained. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Answer - If participating in RMP, then new things wouldn't apply to them. Example, would be fencing requirement.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Send in WIP III comments	All	6/7/19

DEQ 2018 GRANT

OLIVIA HALL

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Signs installed!</p> <p>Article was written about Paint Out Pollution in the Progress Index and Chesterfield Observer</p> <p>Lorne finished up Paint Out Pollution</p> <p>Final report is still due.</p>	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Send DEQ Final Report	Lindy	4/30/19

DEQ GRANT 2019

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Interim report needs to be submitted. Jennifer to get with Lindy. First quarter report was sent on 4/15/19.</p> <p>Everyone needs to review what needs to be done.</p> <p>Powhatan High School - Olivia needs update from Nat Draper. are they going to be installed all with kids or looking for volunteers?</p> <p>Bon Air Elementary and Pocahontas State Park - planted rain gardens this spring by Lorne. Others will be in fall. Needs to adjust date in DEQ timeline for planting from 9/19 to later in fall. DEQ okay if done by end of grant.</p> <p>Chesterfield - Lorne and JRA to meet regarding Betty Weaver Elementary School.</p> <p>Paint lasts longer if power washed first. If you seal it, it may last longer. See how they're doing in Lynchburg, where they used the sealant.</p> <p>When the storm drain paintings go in, send out to group in case they want to attend. Next scheduled are June 7 9-noon a Twin Hickory Library and 2-5 and Varina Library. Olivia to send out links.</p>
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<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Check with Nat Draper at JRA on Powhatan High School Project and connect with Olivia	Amber Ellis	5/1/19
Send out links for Paint Out Pollution events to register to volunteer	Olivia Hall	6/1/19

ANNUAL MEETING

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Need to figure out when and where!</p> <p>Send out doodle poll to group for date. Then look at locations (Chris to look at options, Amber to check on Victory Hall)</p> <p>Jennifer checking in to see if we can charge attendees.</p> <p>BARN in Buckingham - fee needed</p> <p>\$300 for conference is in grant and could be used for space rental</p> <p>Charlottesville area is our focus.</p> <p>Comments from last year - speakers pertinent to quality everywhere. need more local issue presenters.</p>	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Send out Doodle Poll to get potential dates for Annual Meeting	Olivia	6/15/19
Check for venue options in Charlottesville based on available dates	Chris, Amber	7/15/19
Gather list of potential speakers or topics focused on local Middle James issues	All	by next MJRT Meeting

ROUND ROBIN

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<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Lorne: Clean the Bay Day - coming up in June. several sites across area, check it out and direct folks to them.</p> <p>Sharon: MWEs coming off of busy season. Went from having 8 stations to 20 stations. Redoing to make part of a green school approach - learn in MWE then implement at school to get credit. takes a lot of volunteers</p> <p>Amber: James River Buffer Program, a partnership program between JRA and DOF, is launching in early June and is funded by Virginia Environmental Endowment. This will be targeted to landowners not eligible for other programs like CREP and will cover 100% of cost including design, install, and 3 years of establishment support. Received a DEQ 319 grant to design and install bioretention areas at Richmond Public Libraries, to start this fall. JRA has a new logo and launched a new Be a James Changer campaign.</p> <p>Nancy: events coming up - Chesterfield having tire amnesty day, Henrico having document and paper shredding this Saturday May 4, May 10 Richmond day, June 8 Goochland is having household document waste and shredding, oops tags still happening - plastic bags still issue</p> <p>Jenn Clarke: Great Shiplock and to the east is a focus, storm drain art waiting for approval and is in Scott's Addition and will be 6 drains, general awareness is focused on litter and pet waste, Jenn/Amber to talk about rain barrel workshops at libraries</p> <p>Kathleen: VSU tree campus USA, explore the outdoors event coming up</p> <p>Meredith: Binford Middle School won 2 awards, first week in June is Ches Bay awareness week, running crab cake week if you buy crab cake at restaurant then goes to ACB, won INSR to work with city departments to create master plan, hiring a River Trends Coordinator position, running East End Collaborative to talk about stormwater project partnerships, EPA education grant we are running Know Your River Workshops (free),</p>	
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Cirse: here to find out how a Roundtable is run because will be restarting the York River Roundtable

Olivia: \$2.5 million through SLAF for Henrico, June 7 is Paint out Pollution

Betty: environmental education season and have been busy, Kathleen and Betty going to partner with Powhatan 4th graders at Fighting Creek Park, Monacan SWCD is getting \$500,000 of the \$600,000 for SL-6 fencing. Showed 3D display for before and after farm BMPs

Jennifer: non-point source coordinator position still open, Piedmont office is going to do artwork from photos taken in region

**CONCLUSIONS**

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