

# Middle James Roundtable Steering Committee Meeting

## MINUTES

MAY 4, 2021

10AM-11:00AM

VIRTUAL MEETING

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Olivia Hall, Chairperson (Henrico)
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Steering Committee Meeting
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Sharon Conner, HCSWCD
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Lorne Field (Chesterfield), Betty McCracken (Monacan SWCD), Jennifer Clark (RVA DPU), Lindy Durham (HSWCD), Nancy Drumheller and Denise Gammon (CVWMA), Nancy Lily (Lynchburg), Jennifer Palmore (DEQ), Kathleen Ogilvy (DOF); Christina Bonini (ACB)

### Agenda topics

#### DEQ GRANT 2021 UPDATE

OLIVIA HALL

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Reviewed 2021 Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blue Tubes have been ordered. Please send Olivia an address as to where they need to be sent for Henrico, Lynchburg and Chesterfield. Lorne will arrange to pick up from Olivia.</li> <li>Raingarden plant funds will be going to Chesterfield; Plants will be ordered in the fall</li> <li>Storm Drian Stenciling – Henrico, Lynchburg and Chesterfield; \$1200 to Henrico, \$1400 Chesterfield and \$1400 Lynchburg</li> <li>Soil Test Voucher – Lindy Durham and Jennifer Clark</li> <li>Website – Constant Contact – no bill yet</li> <li>Rain barrels - \$1220 total in grant – \$547 for Henricopolis SWCD and Hanover-Caroline SWCD will use \$673 for remaining for rain barrels</li> </ul>		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>			
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Sent address for Blue Tubes to be delivered/picked up	Lorne Field/Nancy Lily		

#### DEQ GRANT 2021 UPDATE

LINDY DURHAM

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Financial Report provided by Lindy Durham, Henricopolis SWCD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$11,250 is existing grant budget; remaining in grant is \$7384.90</li> <li>Lindy questioned the status of 2020 payment from DEQ with Susan Hale, DEQ; she was told that that the payment will be released within 2 weeks</li> </ul>		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>			
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
none			

#### ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING

OLIVIA HALL

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Discussed virtual vs. in-person meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tentatively selected Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup></li> <li>Topic selection – Recycle the Grease Program (Nancy Lily); Documentary series of clean water history of the James River (Nancy Lily will talk with them about participation); Mussel Restoration (JRA/Nat Draper secure speaker); BMPs in association with dog kennels/dog parks; Christina Bonini will speak on Alliance/RVA H2O's development of a Green Infrastructure Master Plan and Ranking Tool for city owned lands within Richmond's three priority watersheds</li> </ul>		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Continue to send ideas for Annual Meeting topics to Olivia.		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Speaker for Recycle the Grease Speaker for Documentary Series on James	Nancy Lily Nancy Lily		

Speaker for Mussel Presentation Speaker for Green Infrastructure	JRA/Nat Draper Christina Bonini	
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<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Lindy Durham – Introduced entire 6<sup>th</sup> grade to watersheds for Henrico schools with a 3 year grant; questioned what will happen after the grant has concluded</p> <p>Nancy Drumheller – several of our member localities have been hosting special collection events this spring such as electronics recycling/document shredding/ household hazardous waste, tire amnesty day . Upcoming events include City of Richmond on May 8 (Broad Rock Park) for electronics and document shredding, and Goochland County, May 22 - document shredding and household hazardous waste (HHW).</p> <p>Denise Gammon is CVWMA's new Recycling Education and Outreach Specialist. I would say estimated reaching over 1,600 students virtually since March</p> <p>Denise created CVWMA Earth Day Education Tool Kit- resources are available for anyone to use online. Visit <a href="https://cvwma.com/education-and-outreach/">https://cvwma.com/education-and-outreach/</a></p> <p>Denise Gammon– came onto ACB in February; pivoted education to an “all-virtual” format to 1,600 students; working on lesson plans and getting them to students; Denise noted that the resources used in working with the schools are all available on-line</p> <p>Lorne Field – On May 10<sup>th</sup> a new job opening will be posted for a Chesterfield Stormwater Technician (for infrastructure management); Chesterfield hosted self-directed, volunteer cleanups throughout the county for litter on Earth Day at 5 different parks</p> <p>Betty McCracken – VCAP program interest is high with mostly drainage concerns; Ag stream exclusion programs have been popular for cattle producers; have been posting Education videos on Monacan SWCD website; going to grand opening of Goochland Farmers Market today 5/4/21</p> <p>Kathleen Ogilvy - Ash Tree cost-share program (for Ash borer) in now available in the Richmond area; part of Middle James will be assessed for pine bark beetle damage; the James River buffer program has had a number of homeowner plantings; there is a DOF new website</p> <p>Nancy Lily – Hosted an Arbor Day program last Friday for 100 people with tree giveaway; will have another tree planting program this week; Lynchburg is slow at moving towards in-person events; working on summer project to develop a water monitoring program with stormwater credits provided to those citizens who participate in program</p> <p>Sharon Conner –the Ag program for H-CSWCD is around \$2 million so that is basically what the District has been working on this year; have been hosting a homeowner watershed workshop “Discover” series with fairly limited participation at each virtual event; will be hosting a rainbarrel and vermicompost workshop in June</p> <p>Olivia Hall – Scavenger hunt in Henrico parks was a success; 2 energy fairs were held; have wrapped up a few stream restoration projects; Riparian buffer project (Amber Ellis) reached out to Henrico with possible partnership</p>		
	<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	N/A	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

A doodle poll will be sent out to determine the next Steering Committee Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned!