



Thames River Basin Partnership September 15, 2009 Meeting notes

Attendance: Lois Bruinooge, TLGV; Scott Gravatt, Jean Pillo, ECCD; Elaine Trench, USGS; Dixie Handfield, Don Exley, TU; Eric Thomas, CT DEP; Marc Cohen, ASRWWA; Mickey Weiss, Project O; Dave Schroeder, Ledyard CC; Joellen Anderson, Avalonia Land Conservancy, Holly Drinkuth, TNC/GVI

Meeting note of April 21, 2009 approved by consensus.

Lois Bruinooge, Deputy Executive Director of The Last Green Valley presented a slide show on the outcomes of the 2009 Source to Sea, Connecting the Drops in The Last Green Valley expedition.

The TRBP Financial Report was presented and approved by consensus.

TRBP Coordinator activity log

- Most activity limited to planning and implementing the annual Floating Workshop.
- Website updated to include a slideshow (presented at the meeting) of completed Floating Workshop.
- Plan of Work has been updated and ready for vote
- Continue to facilitate Phrag control project at Poquetanuck Cove, although Avalonia Land Conservancy is the lead on that project.
- Working to close out TRBP 3rd year Coordinator grant (final report due by October 31 but funds for time have been more than used up.) Remaining tasks for the TRBP Coordinator Grant:
 - Report that lists completed and planned implementation projects in the Eagleville Brook watershed.
 - Final Report. – partners asked to send brief description of benefits of a TRBP staff person to their organization

Discussion of Thames River Basin Partnership Plan of Work 09/10 draft. Plan was approved with modifications. Will be posted to the TRBP website.

Partners presented their *Plan of Work* activities which were recorded in the Partners in Action Report.

TRBP Coordinator Grant Status Report

Grants to support the TRBP Coordinator position have expired. The ECCD will sponsor approximately 1.75 hours/week for the Watershed Conservation Coordinator to continue

organizing TRBP meetings, note taking, the Partners in Action Report and minimal website updates. Additional sources of funding for TRBP Coordinator time are being pursued. Any leads for funding opportunities will be appreciated.

Next steps

October 20, 2009 Fall TRBP Quarterly Meeting to feature Sue Westa speaking on the Borderlands Project.

Meeting notes respectfully prepared by J. Pillo

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