

Indian Creek Watershed Steering Committee June 11, 2007 Meeting Notes

In Attendance:

Jennifer Sobecki
James Leonard
Jacob Hougham
Pat Clark
Brett Lackey
Norman Voyles
Bob Atnip
Debra Ashack
David Harrell
Bonny Elifritz

Debra:

- Reviewed watershed fact sheet/ draft WMP. Questions/comments arose on the following:
 - the #acres in the watershed. Info from TMDL- will follow up and correct
 - new development, increasing population and septic/sewer concerns
 - E. coli impairments/ TMDL
 - Forested land use- preservation, linking forested habit areas (The Nature Conservancy Brown County Hills project includes part of the Indian Creek watershed; Debra noted there is one DNR Classified forest in the watershed inventory so far)
 - Sewers/ septic- TMDL may be incorrect on location of Trafalgar WWTP and if it affects the Indian Creek watershed (Need to check to see if there is any permit violation information)
 - Campgrounds in the watershed (waste issues?)
 - Soils (Highly erodible? Poor for septic? Wetland areas?)
 - Ground water/ drinking water concerns?
 - Old dump/ closed landfill? (south of Sand Knoll development)
 - Preservation of good areas of the watershed

Bonny:

- Discussed need to solidify steering committee (asked for commitment from those in attendance- most responded that they intended to stay on board with the project), and that Watershed Coordinator needs assistance from group
- Discussed idea that a lot of information has been gathered so far, but the group needs to identify and compile additional information relating to the concerns of the public and steering committee
- Information that should be investigated:
 - IDEM water quality sampling since 2001?
 - Riverwatch data?
 - LARE grants/ data?

- Health department (water quality, septic complaints, well water complaints?)
- Cities (Martinsville, Morgantown, Trafalgar)-water quality data, NPDES violations
- Land use maps (more current info than 1992 GAP data?)
- Agricultural and forestry land use information/ business practices/ permits? Tillage transects?
- Other Planning in Watershed (4 counties)- County Comprehensive Plans? MS4 Storm Water Plans? Wellhead Protection Plans? Source Water Protection Plans? SWCD Business Plans? New development/ zoning/ ordinances? Forestry Management Plans? Transportation Plans?
- Use aerial maps, topo maps of watershed for steering committee to work on, identify critical areas, sources of NPS