

**Portage/Arcadia Creek 319 Watershed Planning Steering Committee  
Meeting Summary: April 24, 2002**

Meeting was held at Western Michigan University, Fetzer Center.

**Attendees:** Don Brown, Pat Holton, Paul Manstrom, Paul Olexia, Jim Coury, Mickey Cook, Bill Reed, Jeff Reicherts, Tom Small, John Paquin, Barb Wygant, Mark Kieser, Mike Tenenbaum

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The following summary corresponds to the meeting agenda.

1. Greetings were provided by B. Reed and P. Holton. Introductions were made by all present. The Agenda was reviewed and accepted with no substantive changes. It was noted that a new member list would be included with the next group wide email. The website does have the most current participation and contact list.
2. B. Reed provided a review of the March 13, 2002 meeting summary approved) and the March Administrative Report as submitted to MDEQ. No additions or corrections were noted.
3. Copies of updated revisions to the sub-watershed narratives (text) were distributed and presented by M. Tenenbaum. These latest versions reflect the discussion and input of the subwatershed groups that met earlier this month. Maps were laid out as well to allow for visual identification of areas for work groups. Comments from the meeting today centered upon:
  - a. Relating the TMDL to water quality issues in the watershed management plan
  - b. Site plan review processes should use the watershed management plan and water resource protection standards as part of the procedure to keep them on the “front burner”.
  - c. There needs to be cooperation, consistency and overlap where appropriate in the educational programs developed for the TMDL, this plan and among other water quality plans (e.g., Phase II Stormwater, watershed plans)

After making final edits, these narratives will be placed on the website for further review and comment as needed.

4. M. Kieser next provided an update from the Technical Subcommittee workings. Among comments received were:
  - a. A suggestion for consistent use of terminology as used in the Designated Use Tables to the language used in the website tours. This will allow for both to be linked together so a viewer can go from one to the other without confusion.

- b. The watershed management plan (WMP) should call for the continued sustainability of the website and its use for the inclusion and integration of municipal watershed activities related to water quality.
  - c. The new City of Kalamazoo zoning ordinances will be out for review soon. They can be viewed at <http://3396.adahost.com/zoningupdate/> . Once these are out, SC members should review them from the perspectives established in this WMP. Comments should then be provided to both stakeholders and to the Public Hearing.
  - d. Significant question: What can you do to help improve the water quality situation within the watershed?
  - e. Once a user locates him/herself on the website watershed map, is there a link for them to go to that will address, “What can I do to improve the watershed?”
  - f. Can links also be developed not just for the home owner but for commercial and institutional users?
  - g. There is a clear need for a webmaster to maintain the site after the close of this project cycle.
5. Discussion under next steps for short term needs rested with the decision that projects in this category should be treated equally. That is, at this point, one should not try to prioritize a project to the top or bottom of a list, since a large portion of data has not yet been fit into the analysis. Nothing should be placed out of contention at this point in time.
6. There was no discussion of additional projects or activities under open time.
7. There will be no SC meeting in May to allow for focused work on the part of the subcommittee and subwatershed work groups as necessary.

There being no further activities to come before the Steering Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Compiled and submitted by Michael Tenenbaum, KIESER & ASSOCIATES