

Drainage and Sewer Control Committee
March 4, 2009, 7:00PM, Macedonia City Center
Regular Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM.

- II. **Attendees are as follows:**
 - Members:** Dennis Mulac, Julia Henderson, Jean Gagné, Cathy Loya, Tom Loya, Rosemary Filisky, and Amanda Coon
 - City Representatives:** Jim Crevar (Service Director) and Kelly Luecke (GPD Group/City Engineer)
 - Others in Attendance:** Tom Hartman (Nordia Hills City School District), Doug Masteller (Nordia Hills City School District), Mike McNutt (Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners), and Dave Koontz (CTI)

- III. Minutes of the February 4, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

- IV. **Q&A for Residents**
 - A. **Zell (forwarded email):** This resident was not able to attend the meeting. Jim feels that this is most likely a grading issue, but will be visiting the residence.

- V. **New Business**
 - A. **Mike McNutt (Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners):** Mike was in attendance to discuss the purpose of a riparian setback. The EPA requires communities to adopt non-structural BMPs (best management practices). A Riparian Setback is a no-cost BMP for protection of a stream. The area of a setback is based on the drainage basin for the stream; the larger the basin area, the larger the setback is required to be. The main purpose of the riparian setback is for water quality and protection of the stream, but it is also to protect structures. There are also wetland setbacks that serve the same purpose. Wetlands capture surface water and hold it providing flood control. Many times the highest quality wetlands are found within the riparian setback of a stream. Mike also stressed that the city will be required to justify why a variance to the riparian setback was granted on the EPA yearly report. Mike also advised the committee that the OEPA has a 319 grant available for stream restoration projects; this may be able to fund stream restoration at the high school. While discussing the high school fields, he also noted that it is fairly routine to fill category 1 wetlands, which is currently in the plans. A riparian setback is not considered an easement.
 - B. **Finance Meeting of 2/25:** Current 2009 budget as of this date includes engineering and preliminary design work for the OLG detention basin and detention at IC2 along Indian creek. \$93K was allocated for these two projects. The budget has not been passed yet.
 - C. **CTI**
 1. **Storm Sewer Mapping (GIS):** CTI has CAD software that can translate to GIS. Summit County has gathered all of the GIS info, but per Dave the info is not complete. Kelly noted she has a second version that has more information. CTI has the mapping on hold until they can determine the status of the GIS data.
 2. **Final Indian Creek Modeling Report:** CTI looked at more detention along Indian Creek. Nine potential areas were added to the final report, a couple of which were

mid-sized with potential impact. The new report was received on 3/4/09; an updated PDF with changes will be forwarded to the committee.

3. Regional Storm Water Management Project: See Section V. B.

VI. Old Business

- A. NEORSB:** Apparently they are no longer planning on going to court. Their lawyers say the original court order gives them authority over storm water. The NEORSB board is scheduled to vote on this in October. The committee is wondering if we can get minutes of the NEORSB board meetings. The Mayor is attending a meeting on 3/5/09, and will ask for a copy of their plan. Kelly also met with NEORSB regarding potential projects in Macedonia, but has not received any feedback.
- B. Summit County:** The County is planning a meeting for next Tuesday with the law directors for all communities in Summit County that are a part of the NEORSB service area. We will know more about their thoughts after this meeting. Summit county lawyers have formulated a plan, most likely it will be to file an injunction for hold this back.
- C. High School Project:** The school district is scheduled to present to the planning commission on Monday 3/9/09. Tom Hartman advised he met with city officials last week. The committee agrees that a variance will be OK since the school plan improves the setback area by removing some impervious surface and replacing with grass.

VII. Calendar

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VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.