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ONONDAGA LAKE PARTNERSHIP (OLP)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
December 14, 2009

1. ATTENDEES

Committee Members Present:

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Daniel B. Snead, District Commander, USACE, Buffalo District
Mr. Seth Ausubel, Chief, New York Watershed Management Section, USEPA Region 2 (tc)
Mr. Kenneth Lynch, Regional Director, NYSDEC, Region 7
Mr. Charles Silver, Environmental Scientist, NYS Office of the Attorney General (tc)
Mr. David Coburn, Director, Onondaga County Office of the Environment
(Alt. for Ms. Joanie Mahoney, Onondaga County Executive)
Mr. William Owens, Contract Compliance Officer, City of Syracuse
(Alt. for Mayor Matthew Driscoll, City of Syracuse)

Others In Attendance:

Mr. Steven Vriesen, Program Manager, USACE, Buffalo District
Mr. Ron Kozlowski, DPM, USACE, Buffalo District (tc)
Ms. Julie Zielinski, Recording Secretary, USACE, Buffalo District
Ms. Lynn Greer, Outreach Specialist, USACE, Buffalo District, Outreach Committee
Ms. Mary Jane Peachey, Project Committee Chair, NYSDEC
Mr. Chris Dere, Onondaga Lake Program Manager, USEPA, Region 2, Project and Outreach
Committees (tc)

Committee Members Absent: (none)

2. MEETING ARRANGEMENTS: The meeting was held on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at NYSDEC in Syracuse, New York.

3. AGENDA ITEMS: An Agenda was provided which included the following items:

a. Opening Remarks: LTC Snead welcomed everyone to the meeting.

b. Approval of the September 30, 2009 Meeting Minutes: A Motion to approve the minutes for the September 30, 2009 meeting, as amended, was moved by Mr. Coburn, seconded by Mr. Lynch, and approved unanimously.

c. Review Open Action Items: Ms. Zielinski reviewed the Action Item list. Action Items E09-6, 7 remain in progress. Action Items E10-1 and E10-2 were completed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE: Ms. Zielinski reported that USACE did not receive nor send any outgoing correspondence since the last Executive Committee meeting.

5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Outreach Committee: Ms. Greer reported on two standing committee meetings held on October 21, and November 30, 2009:

- OLP Outreach Objectives 2010: The draft FY2010 Outreach Committee objectives were recommended for approval.
- OLP Year in Review (Annual Report): The annual report for 2009 will be published in January 2010 as an insert to the *Post Standard*.
- OLP Website: The OLP website subcommittee is in the process of refacing the website and is expected to be completed by the end of December. The next step for the committee is to revise and update the content.
- Committee Vacancy: The Outreach Committee recommended filling the existing vacancy by inviting the Towns of Geddes and Salina, or the Center of Excellence. Mr. Owens suggested waiting until the new mayor takes office. Mr. Lynch suggested that sending out a general letter of interest may solicit interest from organizations not previously considered.
- Sub-committees: The committee re-established subcommittees to handle various outreach programs/activities.
- Outreach Event: The Outreach Committee is looking to leverage the various events planned around the lake in spring and summer 2010 as OLP outreach opportunities. A boat tour is still under consideration.

b. Project Committee: Ms. Peachey reported on their meetings held on September 30th and November 19, 2009:

- Microbial Trackdown Study: Sampling data taken in November indicated a rise in coliform. The data from this study has been a good use of OLP funds.
- ACJ Revisions: The Fourth Stipulation to the ACJ signed in November 2009 included two process studies proposed by UFI to be incorporated into the lake model along with other revisions.
- Onondaga Lake Water Quality Model: The model will include data from the two process studies (phosphorus bioavailability and plunging inflows) to increase the level of confidence in the model by all interested parties. A third proposal has been submitted by UFI that is under consideration. The peer review panel will be asked to review the proposal and provide a recommendation as to its merit. Time constraints are critical.

Mr. Silver suggested establishing a deadline for submittal of any additional proposals considering the very limited time constraints. Ms. Peachey stated she did not want to close the door on a proposal if it could be done in a short timeframe. Although there are strict time constraints on the next version of the TMDLs and the completion of the lake model, the OLP needs to know if there are any show-stoppers. Mr. Ausubel assured the partners that Dr. Effler is well aware of the critical time frames.

- Presentation – Project of the Month - Mr. Bill Coon from USGS gave a presentation on Non-point Study Water Quality Characterization of the Onondaga Lake Basin.
- Progress Assessment and Action Strategies (PAAS): The final document has been revised to incorporate the relevant changes from the latest ACJ Stipulation.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. ACJ Stipulation and Hazardous Waste Cleanup Update: Mr. Lynch gave a PowerPoint® presentation on the latest (November 2009) ACJ revisions. The presentation included the dredging schedule, green and gray infrastructure additions, CSO capture percentages, the addition of two studies to support development of the lake model (plunging inflows and phosphorus bioavailability), habitat restoration plan, and interim remedial measures.

b. FFY 2010 Executive Committee Objectives: The Partners reviewed the draft objectives and requested that they be re-numbered chronologically. One minor revision was made to the first objective to clarify respective dates. The following Motion was moved by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Owens, and approved unanimously.

MOTION: The Executive Committee approves the FFY 2010 Executive Committee objectives, as amended.

c. FFY 2010 Project Committee Objectives: The next motion was moved by Mr. Coburn, seconded by Mr. Lynch, and approved unanimously.

MOTION: The Executive Committee approves the FFY 2010 Project Committee objectives.

d. FFY 2010 Outreach Committee Objectives: The last motion was moved by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Owens, and approved unanimously.

MOTION: The Executive Committee approves the FFY 2010 Outreach Committee objectives.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Onondaga Lake Water Quality Model (OLWQM) Update: Mr. Coburn informed the Partners that Onondaga County, in accordance with the recent stipulation to the ACJ, will incorporate the data from the two process studies (plunging inflows and phosphorus availability) as recommended by UFI. Mr. Coburn stated that this additional work is costly and all parties are clear that the timing is critical. This collaboration process has been, in no means, a small endeavor. However, all parties are in agreement that it is critical to have a scientifically-defensible and accurate model. The two process studies, along with completing the lake model, must be done by December 2010. Mr. Coburn also recommended that the peer review panel review the 3rd sediment submodel proposal in concert with the completion of the two process studies and provide a recommendation to the Project Committee as to its value. Mr. Coburn asked the Partners to expeditiously approve OLP Resolution 2009-5 that adds funding to the

OLWQM project to complete the two process studies and reserve funds for the 3rd proposal if approved by the Project Committee. Funding for this additional work will be provided by USACE surplus sewer separation funds. Mr. Ausubel, recognizing that Onondaga County is working hard to meet the deadlines, added that other pieces need to be pulled together. The peer review panel still needs to convene to review the sediment submodel proposal along with completion of the watershed model, and development of the TMDLs.

b. Standing Committee Chairs: Both standing committee Chairs are up for renewal or replacement. Ms. Peachey's term as the Project Committee Chair expired in October 2009. Ms. Miller's departure from Onondaga County has also left a vacancy for the Outreach Committee Chair. LTC Snead asked the Partners to discuss options to replace both standing committee Chairs. Mr. Coburn offered Onondaga County to continue to chair the Outreach Committee. County Executive Mahoney has appointed Mr. BJ Adigun to that position. Both Mr. Ausubel and Mr. Silver recommended that NYSDEC continue to chair the Project Committee. Mr. Lynch will look into appointing a representative from NYSDEC to that position. Ms. Peachey will continue to chair the Project Committee in the interim.

The following Motion was moved by Mr. Ausubel, seconded by Mr. Coburn, and approved unanimously.

MOTION: The Executive Committee recommends that NYSDEC continue to chair the Project Committee for a second 2-year term.

The following Motion was moved by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Lynch, and approved unanimously.

MOTION: The Executive Committee approves the appointment of Mr. BJ Adigun from Onondaga County to Chair the Outreach Committee.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Issues: Mr. Ausubel informed the Partners that EPA on behalf of the OLP had a conversation with Honeywell and Onondaga Lake NRD Trustees about the need for long-term maintenance and funding for Tully Valley Mudboil remediation. All expressed support for continuing this work after the expiration of EPA's funding on September 30, 2012. EPA has recommended that all parties consider the potential long-term options. EPA will continue to work with OLP to make the needs known. However, a mechanism has not been identified to date.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

10. FUTURE MEETINGS: The next meeting will be scheduled on February 1, 2010, location to be determined.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Number	Date of Origin	Due Date	Action Officer	Tasking	Status
E09-6	17-Aug-09		Owens	Determine the number of creek users.	In-progress
E09-7	17-Aug-09		Ausubel	Draft/develop OLP position regarding primary contact recreation in the creek.	In-progress
E10-1	30-Sep-09	14 Dec-09	Vriesen	Revise draft FY2010 Objectives	Complete
E10-2	30-Sep-09	14-Dec-09	Peachey/Miller	Finalize FY2010 Standing Committee Objectives for Executive Cmte approval	Complete