

**Minutes of
CA Watershed Advisory Committee
November 19, 2008; 7pm**

This special meeting of the Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC) was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008, at 7pm, in historic Oakland Manor. In attendance were Committee Member Robert Schweinfurth (Chair), Mark Charles (Vice Chair), Jeff Campbell, Brian England, Monica Schmitt, Sylvia Huestis, Jane Dembner, Atal Eralp, and Debbie Cappuccitti. Also in attendance were Mark Southerland (VERSAR), as well as Steve Sattler, Sean Harbaugh, Jan Clark, and Chick Rhodehamel from the Columbia Association.

Agenda

The Agenda was approved by a unanimous vote:

- Motion – Dembner
- 2nd - Cappuccitti

Discussion of Watershed Retrofit Priorities

Southerland provided an overview of the 54 sites evaluated, which included the considerations and options on how the evaluation was performed. Southerland also described in detail the six (6) factors of the scoring system.

Southerland identified the three (3) categories of how the potential retrofit projects were rated:

- Equal – Highest priority regardless of location
- Lake – Focus on one watershed or lake
- TMDL – Projects located downstream from the lakes

After discussion, WAC members reached consensus to:

- Group projects rather than have projects dispersed throughout Columbia Association
- Target projects around one of CA's lakes

Additional discussion took place by WAC members a Motion was made by Dembner – seconded by Campbell as follows:

We acknowledge that all the restoration projects are important. To focus scarce resources and gain the most benefits, we recommend that the priority retrofit projects should be concentrated within the Lake Elkhorn Subwatershed. The rationale for our recommendation is that the Lake Elkhorn Subwatershed is completely within Columbia Association's jurisdiction. Concentration would have the greatest impact on water quality and protect the large investment in dredging Lake Elkhorn.

This focused effort would be complemented by early action projects implemented in each of the 10 villages in the short term. These projects include tree planting, rain gardens, watershed workshops, etc. The recommendation also acknowledges that other initiatives and investments are planned for Wilde Lake, Centennial Lake, and Lake Kittamaqundi watersheds by the county and other stakeholders.

The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1 (Eralp abstained)

A second Motion was made by Eralp and seconded by Campbell as follows:

Versar and the Columbia Association will work as a Team to research and identify the remaining six (6) projects.

The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1 (Campbell abstained)

Action Items

- **Include discussion of January public meeting on next WAC agenda**
- **Request response from CA to Motions passed at meeting**

APPROVED BY WAC ON DECEMBER 4, 2008