

# PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



## MEETING MINUTES

### PCWP Meeting

**April 30, 2009 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Board Room  
Natural Resource Center, 8901 S 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE**

#### Attendants:

The following were in attendance: Emmett Egr (PMRNRD), Dorothy Lanphier (PMRNRD Director), Clare Duda (Douglas County), Shawn Melotz, Rebecca Horner (Sarpy County), Joe Soucie (La Vista), Marty Grate (Omaha), James Kee (Omaha), Paul Woodward (Olsson Associates), Kent Holm (Douglas County), Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD), Mark Stursma (Papillion), Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Dan Freshman (Ralston), Pam Tusa (Douglas County), Bob Sink, Bev Trauh, Mike Sotak (Tetra Tech), Kathy Homer (Tetra Tech), Dave Zimmerman (Tetra Tech), Mark Westergard (E & A Consulting Group), Amanda Grint (PMRNRD), and Lori Laster (PMRNRD)

#### Purpose

A meeting of the Partnership was held on the above date in order to discuss topics stated in the attached agenda. The meeting began at approximately 10:05 AM.

#### 1. Introductions

- An agenda, sign-up sheet, and handouts were distributed.

#### 2. Kansas City Sustainable Cities Program

Kathy Homer and Dave Zimmerman of Tetra Tech gave a presentation entitled Balancing Green Infrastructure with Traditional Approached for CSO control. Kansas City is currently developing a pilot area to test the effectiveness of green solutions such as bio-infiltration and permeable pavement to reduce requirements for “gray” or traditional solutions in combined sewer overflow areas.

#### 3. Discussion on Watershed Management Plan and Stage IV Report

- *Revisions/additions to report*

Revisions to the report will be incorporated and the report finalized by the close of business on Friday May 1.

#### 4. Discussion on new PCWP Interlocal Agreement

- Douglas County’s opposition to collecting the stormwater fees was discussed. If Washington County joins the Partnership and they are not required to collect the fees, then it seems reasonable to allow Douglas County to the same and require max LID in lieu of regional



detention. However, this may be difficult to justify to downstream areas that are charging the fees.

- Douglas County presented the idea of changing “minimization” of construction in the floodplain to “elimination” of building in the floodplain. It was noted that some boards/councils may not pass the ordinance with that language, even though the wording in the interlocal agreement only says these are techniques that could be used and doesn’t require the use of these techniques.
- Communities which are not required to have a Phase II MS4 permit are not required to implement a Watershed Management Plan, so the interlocal should be amended to say “where necessary” when addressing permit requirements as a part of Partnership activities.
- Language will be added to state that this interlocal agreement is not intended to prohibit communities from adopting ordinances that are more stringent than the policies presented in the agreement.
- Douglas County recommended that the Partnership follow the procedures of the Open Meetings Act to make the meetings more open to the public. It was discussed that this may be cumbersome and expensive for a group that has no governing authority. However, the meetings could be planned for one year in advance and posted on the Partnership website and advertised in free venues, such as public television.

#### 5. Schedule on Recommendations

#### 6. NPDES Permit Compliance

#### 7. Other Items of Interest

#### 8. Next Meeting Date

- The next Partnership meeting is scheduled for Friday May 15 at 10:00 AM at the NRD office.

#### 9. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 PM. An agenda, attendance list, and the handouts passed out at the meeting are available upon request.

Please contact Amanda Grint at 444-6222 regarding any questions or comments concerning these meeting minutes.