Water Resources Planning Committee
Minutes from June 13, 3:00-4:00pm

Look for your name in underlined bold letters, which indicates a request for information or action. The everyone tag applies, as you would expect, to everyone.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, 3:00-4:00pm, in RSW 035.

Attendees:
Bill Anderson, Carol Babyak, Patrick Beville, Robert Creed, Shea Tuberty, Chris Thaxton, Julie Elmore.

Absent:
Kristan Cockerill, Gary Walker, Mike Mayfield, Gabrielle Katz, Jana Carp, Mike Windelspecht, Jeff Colby, Wendy Patoprtsey, George Santucci.

New documents available:
- These meeting minutes (from June 13):
- The recommendation document:

Topics Discussed.

1. We welcomed Julie Elmore to our meeting and to our team. Julie is the new Executive Director of the Blue Ridge RD&C. Julie brings with her a strong background in grant writing and stream restoration work. Her contact information is:

   Julie Elmore  
   Office: 828-297-5805; Cell: 828-467-1189  
   Julie.Elmore@nc.usda.gov

   My understanding is that Julie would act to help identify projects and funding opportunities and provide linkage among various groups working on water resources in the region (Julie, please send me more accurate wording if you want – I’ll update the minutes with them). She has extensive grant writing experience and mentioned that she could help with- / participate in- grants focusing on environmental education, science based proposals, env. management, and restoration efforts (her specialty), among others. Julie also mentioned that she would welcome internships (contact her for more information). In talking to her, I realized that she will bring many intangibles and a lot of energy to our common efforts. Welcome Julie!!

2. We discussed the ASU Design & Construction Guidelines:

The main point that we agreed upon is that the “operations” group (Design & Construction and the Physical Plant) needs a Director of Sustainability. To use Carol Babyak’s words, “The Director will be intimately involved in all stages of a project from planning to final inspection. The Director should be mentioned in section 1.2.0 as a participant in the Initial Planning Conference and will be informed through presentations and review conferences (section 2.1.1.). pre-construction conference (2.6.1), periodic observations (2.6.3), and progress reports (2.6.4). The Director will ensure that sustainable construction practices are used when possible.” Patrick elaborated that this need has been identified and discussed internally in D&C. This director would act as a liaison to our group and would take ownership of modifications to the D&C Guidelines Manual. We agreed that this should be a priority recommendation to Stan and Ken and should be mentioned as such in our recommendations document.

We also discussed the idea of imposing LEED-certification on all new construction but this is unlikely to happen in practice. Finally, we mentioned that sediment control guidelines are limited to the NC Sediment Control Guidelines, which are likely inadequate for protection of trout streams and for the high-density urbanization that we have here at ASU. Actual detailed modifications will be tabled for now in lieu of focusing on the recommendations document.

3. We then discussed the “Executive Summary” portion of the recommendations document:

http://pimlico.phys.appstate.edu/WRPC/recommendations_13JUN.doc

The idea is that Stan, Lorin, and others would likely focus on this section of the document and only refer to the body of the text for details. As a result, we need to ensure that this section is well done, of nothing else. Everyone, please read and provide feedback on the Table of Contents and the Executive Summary ASAP (these are essentially our “outline” expanded). You’ll notice that the TOC lists the names of people responsible for the various sections – please cut-and-paste your designated sections into a working form and send it back to me when you think it’s ready for review.

4. Finally, we discussed the proto-demo site and the pervious pavement project. After the meeting, Ray Williams (via Shea T) agreed to fund Patrick’s student $50 out of Stan’s allotment to Ray. The proto-demo site is set up and Ray will be taking samples by Friday PM. I need an update on the progress of the pervious pavement site (Patrick B.) to make sure we’re on the same page and that it is being built according to plans. Thanks Patrick.