

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
French Creek Steering Committee
Meeting Notes
March 10, 2000 – 11 A.M.
Edinboro University

Attendees: Todd Sampsell, Jacqui Bonomo, Charles Bier – WPC; Brian Hill – FCP; Henry Lawrence, Brian Zimmerman – Edinboro University; Dave Skellie – Erie Co. Dept. of Planning; John Holden – PA DEP; Robert Wellington – Erie Co. Dept. of Health; Mike Campbell – Mercyhurst College; Budd Luce; Marnee Gormley – USFWS; Robert Anderson – USGS; Jeff Lang – Dad's Products; Jon Chase – Pitt.; Dan Miller; Chrissa Hebert – Crawford Co. Conservation District; Ron Wooster – Lord Corp.

For next mtg: (committee) – review GIS layers; review scope of work; identify sources of information on French Creek; recommend other committee members

(WPC) – begin implementation of scope of work; schedule individual meetings with committee members; establish listserve; establish webpage

Date of next mtg: September 29, 2000

Important dates: Glacial Lakes Symposium – April 1, 2000 (social – March 31)
Pymatuning Open House – April 1-2, 2000
Watertrails meeting – April 5, 2000
Stakeholder's meetings for conservation plan – April 13, 27, and May 5, 2000

Meeting highlights:

Discussed possible additional committee members (US Army Corps of Engineers, Conservation Districts, NRCS, PennDot, Presque Isle Audubon, Erie Aggregates)

Discussed role of steering committee:

- act as a resource
- provide input, steer development
- review drafts
- workgroup substructure
- attend meetings
- data analysis
- augments expertise of WPC staff
- refer additional experts not on committee
- partner to WPC to lend credibility and objectivity to planning process
- assist in homepage and hard document creation for external audiences
- communicate via listserve on contact info, meeting notes, and watershed activities

- review advance material
- review compiled material
- prioritize areas for conservation and restoration
- form implementation groups (phase II)
- help formulate indices to monitor progress in watershed

Discussed important notes for conservation plan

- explore PennDot's GIS capabilities
- explore "dirt and gravel road mapping"
- develop program for townships to take advantage of in final plan (recommendations)
- facilitate better coordination among local groups (recommendations)