

## **Robinson Run - Chartier's Creek Watershed Municipal Alliance Meeting Minutes**

**Date/Time:** January 24, 2018  
**Location:** Oakdale Community Center 1:00 pm

**Attendees:** Johnna Zona (North Fayette Township)  
Bill Hartman (Oakdale Borough)  
Rebecca Zeyzus (Allegheny Watershed Alliance)  
Amy Miller (Allegheny County Conservation District)  
Joe Sites (Engineer)  
Erin Sakalik (Mt Pleasant Township)  
Lori Collins (Bridgeville Borough)  
Scott Swansinger (USACE)  
Hilary Shipps (USACE)  
Andrea Carson (USACE)

**Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm**

### **Topics Discussed**

- **Army Corps of Engineers**
  - 3 representatives from Army Corps of Engineers attended the meeting to discuss funding that they must use by September 2018 on modeling certain areas for a Floodplain Management Study
  - This modeling will show flows, water surface elevations and velocity of water. It will also show how we can invest in possible projects to see the cost/benefit ratio and how those projects will affect flooding in the long run.
  - The funding that they have can model approximately 3-4 areas so the Chartier's group unanimously chose to have the USACE model Bridgeville Borough, McDonald Borough and Oakdale Borough. Should there be enough time and funding left, they will model the North Branch of Robinson Run in North Fayette Township that connects McDonald and Oakdale. Once the model is completed, we will receive from the USACE all the output data as well as the possible projects and rough estimates of costs.
  - The Chartier's Watershed Group is very thankful to the USACE for choosing our watershed to run their modeling program on. This information can be used in the future to help secure grant funding and will push our applications higher on the list since we will have tangible data proving what can work to help our flooding issue.
  - If you are aware of any previous floodplain studies that were performed on new bridges in your municipality, please try to find them and provide to the USACE so they don't have to model something that has previously been done.

- **State of the Watershed Day:**
  - **March 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 at Oakdale Community Center 6:00-8:00pm.**
  - **Please start to advertise now in your newsletter, Facebook, etc.**
  - Marketing Committee – Rebecca and Johnna. We will meet and discuss how to get people to the party so we don't have a lot of meetings with everyone involved.
  - Please think of any relevant speakers that may want to attend and talk about their personal stories of how they have been impacted by flooding. Also gather photos and provide them to Johnna. ACCD is going to ask Matt Gordon to talk about dredging and how it may not be the answer to our issues.
  - We discussed having a designated online area for file keeping that everyone can access. Rebecca created a Google Drive that we can place our documents in.
  
- **Grant Discussion**
  - Group discussed different grants that are available for municipalities. There is a CLIP Grant available currently through the ACCD for up to \$10,000. More information can be found on their website. Letter of Interest is due February 14<sup>th</sup>
  
- **Next meeting:**
  - Have a list of outreach goals for the group. This includes how we want to reach out to the community.
  - **Please provide Amy or Rebecca your PRP so they can incorporate your proposed projects into their program that they discussed.**
  - The Watershed Group would like to adopt a mini-operating plan at the beginning of 2018. This plan will state some goals, such as applying for at least 2 grants and having an outreach party.
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