

Raccoon Creek Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

9-7-16

Ohio University Voinovich School

In Attendance: Amy Mackey (RC Coordinator), Kara Roberts (AmeriCorps), Chad Gatt (AmeriCorps), Kaabe Shaw (MRM), Mary Ann Borch (MRM), Jeff Calhoun (MRM)

Introductions

Approval of Previous Minutes

Updates (Amy)

MAIS: did not do 4 main stem RC Middle Basin sites
cut 2 sites (King Hollow Tunnel; Hewett Fork at Rt. 356)

Fish: 2 Little Raccoon boat sites done (one pass)--second passes will be done the week of Sept. 19th (2 boat, 2 longline)
Little Raccoon longline sites done--need a second pass
West Branch 3 sites done

EPA TMDL: as of 7/27-- one third of total passes have been done
getting good numbers and varieties of fish but can't share data with us.
Amy took 4 or 5 EPA folks out to Pierce Run project

Chemical Sampling: not done since May or June (due to MAIS)
Sarah will need help the week of 9/19 doing long-term
monitoring (40+ sites in the watershed)--Kaabe
and maybe Jackie + students can help
Theresa Caldwell (Athens Soil + Water) wants a tour of
the doser on 9/19--can someone meet her for a 1 hour tour?

Day in the Woods: did demos for OSU Ext. and Vinton Soil and Water, at Hope School
House--20+ people came; we received very positive feedback

AMD Project & Maintenance Updates (Kaabe)

Pierce Run: coal company is sending down alkaline water
project is not in operation but still seeing alkaline conditions at mouth

All RC projects needing maintenance totaled \$1.1 mill
Carbondale, Flint Run East, Lake Milton will get maintenance 2017 (\$533k)
2018--East Branch and Pierce Run projects will possibly get maintenance, agri drains
will be removed

Kaabe passed around maintenance cost estimates
mowing maintenance--bush hog; ventrac MRM will mow project sites.
Kaabe discussed Ilesboro project and 319 Grant
half of RCP O&M manual done

Monitoring Plan Among Watersheds (Amy + Mary Ann)

Mary Ann is having the watershed groups consider their monitoring plans to decide what
is relevant and not, based on data--because of lack of funding will lead to less hours for

coordinator and water quality specialist and more involvement from DNR
What projects are irrelevant or don't need to be seen every year?
Stream health report will have data on loading reductions--stable means we could lessen frequency of monitoring
Mary Ann would like each monitoring site flagged and labeled.
Amy pointed out that each monitoring plan in one place would make it easier for ODNR to see what sites are being sampled and not
--should simply provide a table, **standardized** for all watershed groups→ Mary Ann is in charge of coordinating this
Mary Ann said she could send out a group template for tracking monitoring to all watersheds and ask for input, before groups start working on their 2017 monitoring plan

Monitoring Plan--Little Raccoon Creek

Amy wants to reevaluate sites that get low scores because of bad habitat, like the bridge site at Creek Rd
Not sampling East Branch Phase 1--Sites 3, 1; EB3; Site 7
Do we need to measure flow at all the sites?
Cutting Goose Run and Dickason Run until there's a need for more data there.
Jeff will check the permit for Middleton Run project (Army Corps and ODOT mitigation) to see if we need to monitor quarterly
ODNR Flint Run monitoring is complete

Monitoring Plan--Middle Basin

Jeff will also check on Pierce Run Army Corps permit for chemical monitoring requirements

OSM Grants

Daniels was submitted, waiting to hear back
Kaabe--wild seed mix was approved for Daniels site, covering whole project
Amy is working on Ilesboro OSM Grant

Upcoming Events

Paw Paw Festival, 9/16-9/18
Gallia Farm City Day Fish Demo, 9/24
Canoe Float, 10/2
Science Alliance, 10/4-10/6
Midnight in Moonville, 10/15

Next meeting--December 7