

HINKSON CREEK COLLABORATIVE ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT
ACTION TEAM Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2014
9:00 am
MU General Services Building

Action Team Members Present: Larry Hubbard, Steve Hunt, Bill Florea, Tom Ratermann

Staff Present: Erin Keys, Catherine Beatty, Ted Haeussler, Jennifer Dailey, Jon White, Brett O'Brien, Tom Wellman, Jason Warzink

Visitors: Trent Stober, HDR

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Steve Hunt.
A Quorum was not present. No official action taken.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tabled until next meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Revision for February minutes. Approval tabled until next meeting.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

- Presentation of updated GIS viewer by County

Jason Warzink presented the new and improved viewer for the habitat assessment information. New viewer is more user friendly. A version for staff will include contours and storm and sanitary lines. Catherine will send a link out requesting comments before it goes live.

- Summary of Stakeholder and Science Team meetings –

- Stakeholder meeting March 6, 2014 – EPA Region 7 and MDNR Directors will be visiting a stakeholder meeting in June. Stakeholders discussed the Annual Report. (Need clarification from Stakeholders on when they are officially requesting information or a task from Action Team.)
- Science Team meeting March 18, 2014 – Science Team discussed their proposals and justifications for each. The stopped short of providing actual priorities, but did say the fish study could be delayed one year.

- Science Team proposals

Funding Symposium proposal seems like a “no-brainer”.

County can probably fund the flow and sediment study, unsure about fish study. City and MU are probably able to fund what the Stakeholders approve. Members expressed concern that results of the fish study could impact the potential for removal of Hinkson from the 303(d) list in unknown ways. With regard to the fish study, why does it take so long to review data when it only takes two years to collect? For all studies want results quicker. State of Kansas takes best 3 out of 5 years for macro invertebrates and fish. Flow and sediment study already has data, just needs analysis.

When science team presents proposals to Stakeholders, they will illustrate how it fits with conceptual model and the remaining gaps in knowledge.

Without a quorum, no official position is taken on proposals by Action Team. Recommend that Science Team present proposals to Stakeholders and let Stakeholders decide whether to fund proposals.

- Regulatory Update

Final report for 2013 bioassessment from MDNR should be complete and approved in late spring or early summer, Catherine will request preliminary data for 2013 bioassessment. Discussed Spring 2014 sampling at Scott Blvd and that bridge construction could negatively impact data, Catherine will discuss alternate locations or removal with MDNR.

Discussion on the amount of money spent to date on Hinkson Creek. This will tie into affordability analysis for future permits and agreements with MDNR for sewer and stormwater. Consider whether the Action Team needs a “fiscal officer” to keep track of monies spent in CAM process by the three entities. Place this item on future agenda for further discussion.

Ruth Wallace, with MDNR, told Steve Hunt that no more Phase 1 communities were being created; therefore Columbia would remain a Phase 2 community in next permit cycle. Steve will look into this further and request written confirmation.

Some MS4s are looking to combined sewers to treat their stormwater.

EPA is pulling the National Stormwater Rule.

EPA will be clarifying “waters of the US” rule with regard to conveyance versus stream.

- Early Actions:

- Forum Nature Area – Contractor has completed construction of the level spreader lip, installed the diverter box and is working on the associated walls at the diverter box. Hope to have construction complete in time for tree planting by Parks and Rec on April 5. Barbara Hoppe will be at the April 5 tree planting.
- GIS Viewer link will be forwarded to Stakeholders for review. Jason and Lynn presenting preliminary habitat info at next Stakeholder meeting.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMENTS

Stakeholder meeting on March 27, 4 pm to 5:30 pm, MU General Services Building. Jason and Lynn will present preliminary info on physical habitat assessment.

The Center for Watershed Protection has a survey to evaluate effectiveness of local stormwater regulations (COW). Steve had City evaluated and scored 66 out of 100, which means development rules are inadequate to treat water quality.

MU is evaluating a reasonable in-lieu fee for stormwater “utility” for campus facilities.

TIGER transportation grant available has large storm water component, Steve forwarded up in City and Melissa did same at MODOT.

6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – Friday, April 18, 2014

- Summary of Stakeholder and Science Team meetings

- Early Actions
- Regulatory Update
- Fiscal Officer
- Quorum rules for Action Team

7. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.