

**First Hinkson Creek  
Collaborative Adaptive Management  
Stakeholders Meeting  
April 30<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**Attending:** Councilman Daryl Dudley, Commissioner Karen Miller, Don Stamper, Frank Gordon, Shawn Grindstaff, Jeanine Pagan, Joe Engeln, Jonathan Sessions, Paul Land, Ben Londeree, Nathan Odle, Diane Oerly, Paul Mehrle, Hank Ottinger

**Absent:** Gary Ward, Jay Turner,

**Agenda:**

Facilitator Shawn Grindstaff opened the meeting introduced himself and gave a brief summary of his experience in EPA and where his office is located. Commissioner Karen Miller gave the welcome to everyone.

**Collaborative Adaptive Management (CAM) Overview and Establishment of Ground Rules – Shawn Grindstaff**

This is a cumulative dialog attendance is very important through this long-term process we all need to stick together and learn together. This is why a lot of these Ground Rules are so important to establish on the front end.

**Facilitator Ground Rules:**

- It's Ok to Make Mistakes. Although we have our Ground Rules about how we are going to work together there may be a time when Shawn may make a facilitation mistake or one of you may make a mistake with each other. It is ok.
- Meetings should be informal and a very open process.
- Celebrate Every Agreement. They may not always occur so we should celebrate the successes.
- This is a Dynamic Process. This is the biggest one. This means since we are going to be doing this for a very long- term, we have the flexibility if we work together to change the rules. To do things that make it all worthwhile- is what it takes to have peace in the group. We don't want to become too rigid with anything and that includes the CAM process itself.
- Be Positive and Collaborative. We use this time to engage our mind set so it looks to the future of moving this effort forward and collaborate together.

## Structural Ground Rules:

- Meeting Intervals. The decision was made to have the meeting once a month as long as needed. The date of the next meeting is yet to be scheduled. Karen will send out the meeting wizard request with Shawn's availability for the first 2 weeks in June. Attendance is very important.
- How are decisions determined? There are several ways it can be done; consensus, unanimous hand vote, 90/10, or all the way down to 75/25 the amicable easy going way. A proposal of 14/16 or 87% was suggested as there is likely to have discord by one or two. If we tweak the proposal maybe everyone could agree. It was determined 10 members are needed for a quorum and a 80% positive vote is required.
- Commissioner Karen Miller will be taking written minutes of the meetings and they will be taped in two ways to capture any heavily debated issues. The minutes can be revised by the Committee at the next meeting. The agenda will be posted on the web site [www.helpthehinkson.org](http://www.helpthehinkson.org) as soon as it is available. There is a CAM section which identifies the Stakeholders, Calendar of Events, etc. If you go to the Calendar of Events and click on the next scheduled meeting it will have the agenda when it is available expect it about one week out. It was requested a stakeholder only area be established on the website for discussion. This actually would violate the open meetings section of the statutes.
- What about absenteeism? No decision
- How Do We Replace People? The public bodies that appointed them would have the responsibility to replace them.
- Who creates the agenda? Shawn creates the agenda with input from the Committee.
- Where do observers in the room weigh in during the meeting? There are two basic ways to do this, some have elected to have one minute at the end of the meeting for public comment, others have the public issue their comments in writing, or by caucus. The public comments were suggested to be before the end of the topic to be voted on. It will be informative the first few months and those wishing to speak should ask ahead of time so the facilitator will know how much time will be needed.
- Media contacts were discussed. Kris Lancaster from EPA was introduced and he suggested if the media is interested in this through out the process they can call Shawn or one of his colleagues Robert Angelo at 913-551-7003 who is the EPA representative on the science team. It was determined everyone can speak on their own. Karen Miller will be the official contact person. It might

be a good idea if the media was invited to the meetings which they are through the public notice sent out from the Commission office..

The agenda for the second meeting will cover the Legal Agreement and Sunshine Law requirements.

### **CAM Refresher- Shawn Grindstaff**

- What is Adaptive Management? It is utilizing the science and learning by doing with lots of implementation methods and testing. At this time there was a review of slides utilized during the stakeholder training last November. This is going to be a long process which is a ground breaking approach on how EPA-MDNR and our local partners think about these things.
- What is Right with The Hinkson? Shawn will go into this more at the next meeting. What has been done in the past that evokes good memories of the Hinkson? It could be spending time with your Grandfather, special projects, or anything under the sun and also living in the present. What is right, this will lay the ground rules where we are all going. In the future what is your vision for the Hinkson? What we are going to do here is the appreciative approach to problem solving.

Commissioner Miller shared with the group that since FY 2006 the Boone County Regional Sewer District has closed several treatment plants resulting in 700,000 gallons per day of fluid not going into Hinkson Creek. There are 9 more plants scheduled to be closed by FY2013. So we have been making improvements at the Sewer District as one of the Trustees she wanted to bring this information forward. Tom Ratermann is here because the Sewer District has a big interest in this and wants to be partners with us. The County had partnered with Show-Me-Clean-Streams on Phase I of Hinkson Watershed Restoration Project. FY2012 entered into the Phase II project to develop the Watershed plan for Hinkson. We have adopted Steam Buffer Ordinances, Erosion and Sediment Control Regulations, Post-Construction Site ordinances, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Regulations, sponsored the Urban Stormwater Retrofit and BMP Validation Project.

The University representative sent Commissioner Miller their comments. They have been working very closely with the County and the City because we have a joint MS4 permit. They do voluntary bi-annual audits and they continue to self monitor all of the projects utilizing sustainability principles. They are improving the quality of their construction processes and working hard to be a good partner with the City and County.

The City has since FY2004 been making changes to their ordinances. They have been relining sewers. The city over the years has grown near the creek including a landfill.

Comments:

The storm inlets have been labeled to remind people the water ends up in the stream. This area is a natural resources area for wildlife habitat. We were reminded families recreate between generations in the Hinkson. We must keep natural resources as the front runner; the aesthetics is incredible with the bluff's lining the creek in areas. The creek is used for canoeing and inter-tubing when the water is up.

The Boone County Soil and Water Conservation District has worked with the landowners on pasture management, fencing off the tributaries from livestock.

In looking at the future it would be our hope that this process is a good example for other cities and a will set a good national model of an urban stream.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM, the date and time of the next meeting is to be determined.

