

Sustainable Development Strategy Team
Notes from Conference Call of Team Co-Chairs and Workgroup Leads
March 16, 2005

Here is a summary of the items we discussed at the conference call on March 16, and the do-outs.

I went over the actions taken since our last call:

- Draft feedback to Executive Committee on prioritization guidance sent out for comment
- Email to full Team on 8 Mar 05
- Draft list of tasks for contractor sent out for comment
- Updated guidance from Exec Committee received
- Posted notes from previous conference calls on web site

The process for review of workgroup write-ups by members of the full Team was discussed. It was agreed that the workgroup pages would have a link for reviewers to send comments to the workgroup co-leads.

Progress reports were made by workgroups:

Agriculture-Forestry

- waiting for contractor to get started with initial work
- need to contact Nonpoint Team to avoid overlap

Water Infrastructure

- Noah Hall has accepted new job, and will not be able to continue as co-lead
- looking for replacement
- need to contact Coastal Health Team to avoid overlap on wastewater infrastructure

Industrial Activity

- the write-up on the first 3 questions is on the web, along with the outline of the full report

Transportation

- initial write-up to be posted on web by Thursday (3/17)

Recreation/Tourism

- materials already posted on web, but an updated version would be posted by Thursday
- workgroup to have in-person meeting on Tuesday (3/20) in Ann Arbor

Land Use/Development (not present)

The tasks for the contractor were discussed. Jan agreed to survey the workgroup leads about their ability to address all of the questions identified in the Team work plan as a way of identifying other tasks for the contractor.

The format for the report was discussed. Jan agreed to revisit the guidance developed for the Team report and re-circulate to the workgroup leads.

There was a brief discussion on the issue of overlap between workgroup reports and how to integrate these reports into a single, Team report. It was agreed this would be discussed in future calls and at the meeting in Traverse City.

There was a discussion of how to structure the meeting in Traverse City. It was proposed that the meeting focus on the recommendations of the workgroups and the prioritization of these recommendations. Once the recommendations were set, the text of the report could be modified to provide justification. Jan agreed to provide a draft agenda for the Traverse City meeting for discussion at the next call.

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