

Land Use and Development Workgroup

February 15, 2005, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Conference Call

Present: John Booser, Danielle Green, Vasile Jurca, Michael Klepinger, Lyn Luttner, Victoria Pebbles (Co chair), Ronald Thomas (Co chair), Dalia Varanka, Karen Vigmostad, Susan Wells & Katie Dixon

- Polled conferees on level of commitment with most opting to participate on conference call and review materials. RT & VP are taking on much of the writing responsibility but are looking for more support.
- **ASSIGNMENT:** Use GLC work plan template to guide workgroup which we have modified by adding a land development focus. Product should be a 7-9 page report that may include supporting appendices and posted on-line.
- We are encouraged to identify trends, resources and best practices, as soon as possible to post on the SDTeam website as a progress report.
- Current list of Team and Workgroup members posted on SDTeam website.
- What is Sustainable Development? Definition adopted by UN Brundtly Commission is guiding the SD Team :
“...development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.”
- How should SD Team and LD Workgroup address social equity issues of sustainability? We may need help to adequately address this area.
- U.S. Forest Service may be good resource.
- Congress & White House is primary audience, but Great Lakes Governors and Great Lakes Cities are other key audiences as well.
- We need to consider research and programmatic based goals as well as legislative and action agendas. Recommendations should identify Federal, State & Local actions. Identify roles at all three levels.
- Need to liaison with other workgroups, especially looking at indicators from other teams and other relevant initiatives.
- Don't want to be prescriptive but challenging and useful.
- Most of the info is out there and this workgroup has good experience within the field. We need to gather what's available as working materials and resources and edit into priorities for the Grat Lakes Basin.
- **ASSIGNMENT:** Each workgroup member is to send co chairs their most germane references, websites, publications and project examples.
- Administrative Roles-RT maintains listserve; VP maintains data-base. Everything should go to both. We will try to set up separate page for LU workgroup.
- **BRAISTORM FOR REFERENCES**

- Look at President's Council on Sustainable Development; those that specifically target land use.
 - GLC Bridges – this is latest basin-wide www.glc.org/bridges. VP will send report to workgroup
 - RT will distribute Chicago Wilderness Bio plan: <http://www.chicagowilderness.org/pubprod/brp/index.cfm>
 - Ahwahnee Principles have been posted http://www.lgc.org/ahwahnee/econ_principles.html
 - Hannover Principles have been posted <http://repo-nt.tcc.virginia.edu/classes/tcc315/Resources/ALM/Environment/hannover.html>
 - DOE sustainability website is another resource: www.sustainable.doe.gov
- Our report should allay local fears & encourage change through new & creative ways to do sustainable development and not laundry list of funding needs.
 - Must address institutional arrangements, especially tax laws, public and private development financing. Need to check on Workgroup members' resources to adequately address this issue. RT will check with John Andersen.
 - Michigan Land Use Institute is a good resource <http://www.mlui.org/> - with a relevant report due out soon. Keith Schneider will follow-up to check on its availability to us.
 - How can you get business to tie in? ULI chapters that support smart growth may be helpful and other builder groups interested energy efficient and other green practices
 - Need to continue outreach to others not in on this group.
 - Identify good examples of conservation design with groups like Congress for New Urbanism now relocated in Chicago.
 - Need to go beyond focusing on “better green fields” examples.
 - Show before & after retrofits, infill and brownfields as well as new green fields development – need a full range of examples.
 - Eco village in Cleveland, resource conscious, greater Cleveland RTA put a new stop there, a green building.
 - Ford Rouge River Development dedevelopment <http://www.hfmvgv.org/rouge/default.asp> Remediation – strong commitment & effort. Mike will flush out pros & cons and RT will contact WMcD office.
 - Canadian matrix and indicators coming from Quebec (RT).
 - Regional agencies can be important resource for us.
 - Liaison Assignments to scan other Teams to rely on liaison to bring value-added.:
 - Luttner (with help from Klepinger) will do AOC;
 - Vasile (Dept. of Shoreline Protection) will do Coastal help;
 - Kerry Leigh for non-point source
 - Danielle Green will do PTB team;
 - Thomas will keep an eye on indicators; Get other teams to list workgroups on website;
 - Mike divvy up work with Kerry Leigh;
 - Next Steps
 - Calls
 - Workgroup conference calls- every 2 weeks. Tuesdays, okay; next time 1 hr.
 - Next call is Monday 2/28 12-1 Central; 1-2 Eastern.

- Regular schedule of Tuesdays beginning 3/15 2:30 – 3:30 eastern.
- Writing & Research
 - Victoria will attempt use description & trends 3-4 pages summarizing trends & projected trends in region; preliminary draft by month end.
 - Please however, send any info you have.
 - Need Case Studies on strategies such as:
 - Energy efficient mortgage – Dalia can start outline. Take a shot then add to, contribute & help shape.
 - Transit oriented development from Chicago region
 - Conservation Design such as Coffee Creek, IN
 - Natural Landscaping guidelines from NIPC
 - Send leads & references to dvaranka@usgs.gov and co-chairs.