

Great Lakes Regional Collaboration
Sustainable Development Strategy Team – Water Infrastructure Workgroup
Conference Call Summary
April 4, 2005
11:00 am EST (10:00 am CST)

Participants:

Lynita Docken, Wisconsin Dept. of Commerce
Ed Gladfelter, Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency
Kevin Kincare, U.S. Geological Survey
Becky Lameka, Great Lakes Commission
Peter Mulvaney, MWH America

Agenda:

1. Welcome and roll call
2. Review deadlines
3. Overview of input by participating workgroup members
4. Next steps

Becky Lameka welcomed everyone on the call and took a roll call. Participants introduced themselves. Lynita Docken was also introduced as the new co-chair.

2. Review deadlines

April 21 – 1st drafts of workgroup reports are due and posted on website. Because we are behind, we will submit a detailed outline.

April 28-19 – Sustainable Development Strategy Team meeting at Traverse City. More information about the program and travel arrangements are posted on the home page of the SD Strategy Team www.glin.net/sdstrategyteam

3. Overview of input by participating workgroup members

Those who were on the call and also have submitted input into the excel matrix were asked to give a brief overview of their ideas. (see excel files).

Some of the discussion focused on getting information about the current state of water infrastructure in the Great Lakes region. It was suggested that the best source of information would be from the U.S. EPA's ASCE report which assesses water infrastructure nationwide. Lynita Docken will investigate whether the data collected for this report can be broken down into state and/or county. Another way of obtaining this information is through individual city's water department and inquiring about their capital improvement program. Peter Mulvaney will look into Chicago's capital improvement program.

The true value of water was also discussed as a conservation practice. We talked about the limitations of the practice including the concept of highest use for land development and eminent domain.

Even though it was outside the scope of this workgroup, Kevin Kincare talked about the state of glacial aquifer mapping in the state of Michigan.

Because we ran out of time, we decided to end the discussion.

4. Next steps

Action Items:

- 1. Workgroup members who did not fill out the excel matrix, could still do so and submit it to the entire group by “replying to all” to Becky’s last email. Those who have provided or will provide input are asked to insert references underneath the matrix on the excel worksheet. It should include organization and/or author, date of publication, title of document, city of publication and or website. We can review people’s ideas before the call next week.**
- 2. Next call is Thursday, April 14, 2005 at 2 pm CDT (3 pm EDT). We will continue the discussion of workgroup members’ ideas and assign tasks for the detail outline.**

Please email Becky Lameka (blameka@glc.org) suggestions, comments or concerns.