

Stream Team Meeting Minutes  
7:30 PM Wednesday, July 6, 2005

Present: Kelley Curran, Gene Fox, Michael Hartwig, Todd Hayes, and Frank Stillinger

1. The minutes of the July meeting were approved by Todd and seconded by Gene without amendment.
2. The meeting attendees drafted the first-ever Stream Team Vision, Mission, and Goals for the water quality program at GSWA. They were based on information contained in the newly drafted GSWA Strategic Plan. The document will eventually be brought before the Board of Trustees for approval and adoption.
3. Both Michael and Todd reported problems at the Primrose Brook ISCO station location. According to Todd, the battery was dead. He replaced the battery today. It is not certain whether or not any data has been lost as a result.
4. Kelley informed the group that geographical information for all of Lee Pollock's macroinvertebrate sampling locations in the watershed has been collected with the GPS unit. The locations were overlaid on a map of the streams and the locations appeared to line up quite well. As proficiency with the unit and corresponding software increases, additional projects ideas are welcomed.
5. Frank reported that Ruth Kerkeslager (GSWA Development Director) prepared a grant application to New Jersey American Water (NJAW) for \$15,000. The grant would be used to expand GSWA's water quality programs. This makes sense due to the fact that GSWA has been helping to ensure the quality of a portion of NJAW's raw material for many years!
6. A listing of the NJDEP's Known Contaminated Sites in the Great Swamp Watershed was compiled. A corresponding map was created showing the location of each site. A future project includes obtaining information on the nature and extent of the contamination at each site along with the current status. This information will be obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. In addition, the most recent listing obtained from the NJDEP website is from 2001. Research will be conducted to determine if more up-to-date information is available.
7. Kelley reported that the GSWA received a data solicitation letter from the NJDEP in July. As a result, all stream monitoring data conducted in coordination with the Ten Towns Committee was submitted along with sample location information and the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). F.X. Browne, Inc originally drafted the QAPP. The Ten Town's current consultant, Princeton Hydro, has been asked to update the document.

8. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Volunteer Monitoring Summit will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at the Clarion Hotel in Edison, NJ. Kelley provided the group with a postcard describing the Summit and strongly encouraged all to attend. More information will be provided as it is received.
9. Upcoming Field Work
  - ? TTC

A baseflow sampling round was conducted on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Results have not yet been received. This completes the baseflow sampling for the year. Two stormflow sampling rounds have yet to be completed to finish out the year under Princeton Hydro's guidance.
  - ? Adopt Loantaka Brook

A round of LB sampling took place on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Results have not yet been received. The next round is scheduled for November.
10. Kelley regretted to inform the group that Chuck Whitmore has decided to take his leave from Stream Team activities. He is pursuing other volunteer opportunities. Chuck will be greatly missed.
11. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelley Curran