

Lake Champlain Basin Program
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday December 2nd, 2015
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
LCBP Conference Room, Gordon Center House, Grand Isle, VT

TAC Meeting Summary

I. 10:00 Updates and Announcements

- a. **Tom Berry, Sen. Leahy staff** – the U.S. House of Representatives passed a \$350 billion 5-year transportation bill, which would provide funding for highway improvements (including stormwater management).
- b. **Martin Mimeault, Quebec MDDELCC** – Staff from Quebec MDDELCC, VT DEC, and EPA met yesterday to review phosphorus loading trends from both the LTMP and Quebec monitoring data for Missisquoi Bay, and to discuss the TMDL and what it means for management of Missisquoi Bay. They also discussed a timeline for revising the “60/40” Missisquoi Bay agreement between VT and Quebec.
- c. **Jamie** – IJC is wrapping up its report on the Lake Champlain/Richelieu River flooding assessment. Keith Robinson, USGS offered to present a summary of this report to TAC at a future meeting.

II. Summary of Previous TAC Meeting

- a. Review and approve minutes from the November 10th TAC meeting.
- b. Motion to approve by Mark Malchoff, second by Martin Mimeault. All in favor, no abstentions.

III. 10:15 AM LCBP updates, *Bill Howland, LCBP*

- a. Updates on LCBP activities since the last meeting.
- b. LCBP celebrated its 25th anniversary last month, and the anniversary of the TAC. Bill briefly reviewed the original legislation that created the Lake Champlain Management Conference and ultimately the Basin Program, as well as the Technical Advisory Committee.
- c. Welcomed Andy Chevrefils (VT DOH), Angela Shambaugh (VTDEC) and Jim Jutras (Essex Jct Water Dept) to the TAC. They were formally appointed at the November Steering Committee meeting.
- d. Bill announced that he would consider a pilot “general RFP” for the FY16 budget year. He charged TAC with identifying a couple of projects that are in consideration for FY16 funding that could be good candidates for a more generalized RFP. Eric H would then work with him, Mike, and the TAC to develop this RFP if the project is funded.

IV. FY16 Technical Project Concept Papers review, Mike Winslow, TAC Chair/LCC

- a. Mike led the discussions of the 1-page concept papers submitted to TAC for the FY16 budget process that were not reviewed in the November meeting. **An updated summary of the comments on these projects is provided in the attached spreadsheet.**
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- b. Mike will open the floor for further discussion on any of the projects submitted to TAC for the FY16 budget.

- c. After some discussion, TAC agreed to broaden the scoring criteria to a 1-5 score rather than 1-3, and to add a question to the survey to pick your 10 favorite projects.
- d. Once the initial review of the projects was complete, TAC members had the opportunity to advocate for certain projects. Breck proposed that in the future we expand the use of the “lumping” tool to aggregate proposals into larger groups. The groups would then be moved forward to the Steering Committee to get their approval that these are the places where we invest in the broad assignment of these funds. Breck would be happy to discuss this with TAC at a future meeting. The example of the local implementation grants and the multivariate analysis of the LTMP dataset would be good for the preproposal process.

V. 2:30 PM Adjourn

TAC: Mike Winslow (LCC/TAC Chair), Jamie Shanley (USGS), Eric Perkins (EPA), Breck Bowden (UVM), Kevin Behm (Addison Co. RPC), Mark Malchoff (LCSG), Steve Kramer (Miner Institute for Eric Young), Ed Snizek (APA), Bill Ardren (USFWS), Andy Chevrefils (VT DOH), John Kanoza (Clinton Co. DOH), Fred Dunlap (NYS DEC), Bernie Pientka (VTFWD), Martin Mimeault (Quebec MDDELCC), Jenn Callahan (VTRANS), Eric Smeltzer (VTDEC), MaryJo Feuerbach (EPA)

LCBP: Bill Howland, Stephanie Castle, Eric Howe, Michaela Stickney (VT ANR/LCBP)

Guests: David Borthwick-Leslie (public), Madeleine Cotter (VT DEC AmeriCorps), Tom Berry (Sen. Leahy office), Angela Shambaugh (VTDEC)