

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom in consequence of the global pandemic
June 15, 2021

Present: Michael Schroeder, Karen Feather, Kent Crawford, Bryan Hoffman, Joseph Connor, Dave Lasky, Ann Lasky

The meeting opened at 7:03 p.m.

- 1. Countywide Action Plan (CAP) Data Management Action Team (DMAT) and Stormwater Consortium Updates.** Bryan reported on the CAP-DMAT's efforts to track and archive data on the various watershed-related projects in Lebanon County, which he characterized as "very complex" but also vital to the long-term success of projects to improve the water quality in the watershed. Key questions yet to be resolved include: what entity will input, store, and maintain the data? Who will pay for it? Will grant money become available for this task? Bryan also reported that today's meeting of the Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium included discussion of the floodplain restoration project envisioned for the area from the outflow of the Hazel Dike to the 22nd Street bridge in North Cornwall Township. The survey and assessment phase for design of this project is largely complete. It is hoped that this project will be completed by 2023 and that that next phase of the floodplain restoration, extending from the 22nd Street bridge downstream to Dairy Road and thence to Mill Street will be completed by the end of 2024. The Consortium is also engaged in several stormwater basin retrofits. Rocky Powell of Clear Creeks Consulting is being consulted on these various projects.

- 2. Additional CAP Updates.** Mike reported on several developments with the Countywide Action Plan process.
 - A. Logo Contest.** It is expected that the Lebanon County Conservation District (LCCD) will meet to decide a winner at its next Board meeting.
 - B. Watershed Action Team.** The Watershed Action Team met on June 3 on Zoom, attended by Bethany Canner, Russ Collins, Mary Kate Gallagher, Rocky Powell, and Mike Schroeder. Updates were provided on the cost-share program through the CAP Implementation Grant, which covers 75 percent of actual construction costs, with 25 percent covered by the grantee. Applicants who have not accepted cost-share in the last 10 years are eligible for an 85 percent cost-share where they only cover 15 percent of actual construction costs. How the grantee covers the match cost is up to them, whether through funds from EPA 319, another grant program, or an in-kind match. CAP funds can also be used to fund design and engineering costs included in the project application, up to 25 percent of the construction costs, but cannot fund permit fees. CAP funds may only cover the cost of the labor to complete the permits.

- 3. North Annville Township Solar Farm Project.** Mike reported on the large solar farm being planned in North Annville Township and suggested that the QWA submit a letter of support for the project. After discussion, it was decided not to submit a letter of support, mainly because the project does not lie within the Quittapahilla watershed.

- 4. Historic Old Anville Day, Sat. Aug. 14, 9 am—2 pm.** Mike reported that he has filled out the form on behalf of the Watershed Association for a space at HOAD 2021 and volunteered to cover the \$10 fee for non-profit organizations.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem