



Working Group Meeting #1
Meeting Summary
July 15, 2015
Prepared by Julia Lazar

Meeting began at 7PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Task Force Members Attendance

Ynes Arocho
Connie Bielawski
Glenn Coyne
Byron Crampton
Terrence Dziak
John Ehrnfelt
Bill Fraunfelder
James Gagen
Jerry Gubanich
Jim Hostacky
Ron Hudak
John Kilgore
Zuzanna Kurowska
Katelyn Milius
Michelle Nochta
Dana Paul
Jeannie Smith
Jan Snow
Mike Stewart
Allison Urbanek
Patrick Wadden
Cindy Marx-Council Representative

Resource Colleagues Attendance

Shannon Strachan, City of Lakewood
Bryce Sylvester, City of Lakewood
Colin McEwen, City of Lakewood
Mark Papke, City of Lakewood
Lou McMahon, McMahon DeGulis, LLP
Bob Greytak, CT Consultants, Inc.
Kristin Hopkins, CT Consultants, Inc.
Joyce Bond, CT Consultants, Inc.
Julia Lazar, CT Consultants, Inc.

Task Force Members Not in Attendance

Babette Gowda
Cole Mellino
Jim Rambasek
Jeralyn Saleet
Stuart Sayler

Bob Greytak of CT Consultants started the meeting with a brief history of the EPA regulations and where Lakewood stands in regards to meeting their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. Lakewood has had approximately 50 million gallons of untreated waste mixed with storm water going into Lake Erie and Rocky River just during this past June's intense rain events. It was also stressed that EPA wants to see public input into planning.

All task force members and resource colleagues introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their interests and concerns.

Kristin Hopkins went over how the meetings will be organized and run, as well as the future meetings scheduled. The next two meetings are field trips, one to the Lakewood Waste Water Treatment Plant and one to the Watershed Stewardship Center in Parma. Handout #1, which is posted on the website, has further details on all that was covered in this meeting.

Mayor Michael Summers joined the meeting and explained how grateful he was for the strong interest from the public.

The following questions were asked at the end of meeting:

- 1) What progress has Lakewood made in reducing sewer overflows?
 - a. Nine overflows have been eliminated.
 - b. The West End has two combined sewer overflows that are going to be removed— construction bids just went out.
 - c. Edgewater between Abbieshire and Lakeland had a combined sewer separation project.
 - d. Webb Road had four illicit discharges eliminated.
- 2) Do we have a consent decree?
 - a. Not yet, but EPA has told us that they will be drafting one for us within the next 6 months or so.
- 3) What is the pilot testing neighborhood?
 - a. Homes on Eldred Ave and Atkins Ave are having testing and construction work done to ensure that their stormwater is disconnected from entering into sanitary sewer lines. Flow meters will be installed to see if this leads to a significant reduction in flow going to the Waste Water Treatment Plant during rain events.
- 4) Can we get a map of Lakewood that shows the combined sewer systems and the over/under sewer systems?
 - a. Yes, we will provide this at the next meeting.