

## **Arcadia-Pierport Watershed Plan**

### **Minutes from the Leadership Team meeting of January 14, 2014**

**Location:** Pleasant Valley Community Center in Arcadia, 11am to 1pm

**Attendees:** Sharon Goble (Co-chair), Don Oswell, Chris Sullivan (GTRLC), Mary Reed, John Steben

**Agenda:** 1) Resolution to Participate: Discussion and Approval  
2) Fundraising  
3) Review of work done on Watershed Plan so far

#### **Discussion:**

- 1) There was general discussion regarding the Resolution and comments that had been received so far. Issues were minor clarifications and Sharon volunteered to incorporate language into the Resolution. As there were no objections from either the Leadership Team meeting attendees, or from people on the Arcadia-Pierport Watershed mailing list who had received a copy of the Resolution via e-mail, it was agreed that Sharon would edit the Resolution to address comments, sign on behalf of the Leadership Team and forward it to Tim Ervin with the Alliance for Economic Success.
- 2) Several members noted that many people still are not aware of the watershed planning effort, despite the fact that a direct mailing announcing the watershed plan development was sent to the households of all property owners in the watershed (about 900) in July of 2014. As a starting point, it was suggested that Leadership Team members make a small presentation to the local Township Boards. Periodic attendance might also help to eventually obtain their Resolution to Support the watershed planning process. Sharon agreed to research and summarize Township meeting dates and locations, as well as develop talking points for a small presentation. Sharon provided the status of the Coastal Zone Management Grant: a \$30,000 grant with a 50% match of which up to \$9,400 could be counted as work in-kind through participation of qualified Leadership Team meeting attendees. A bit over \$8,400 of in-kind work has already accrued, leaving between \$20,000 to \$21,000 to be fundraised. The Coastal Zone Management (CZM) grant has an end date of March 31st, 2015, however the Alliance for Economic Success is seeking an extension (tentatively to December of 2015.) The additional funds to complete the plan need to be raised by no later than June of 2015 to ensure time to complete work on the watershed plan document. Some possible fundraising events and donor strategies were discussed. If the watershed plan is not completed, then the CZM grant will need to be repaid. Therefore it's imperative that adequate fundraising is conducted.
- 3) Sharon discussed progress on the watershed plan development and shared the draft Table of Contents that is being used to develop the plan. Chris provided some additional information for the report.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at the PVCC from 11am to 1pm. This is moved up a day from our usual second Wednesday of the month meeting. Agenda suggestions are welcome.