

SUFFOLK COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL AND WETLANDS MANAGEMENT
LONG TERM PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Technical Advisory Committee
September 5, 2002 Organizational Meeting Summary

A list of attendees, including affiliation, telephone number and e-mail, is attached.

Action Items

- 1) Subcommittee Approach – In future meetings, it is proposed that the TAC break into subcommittees after an overall briefing. Proposed subcommittees are:
 - ? Toxic Chemicals (fate, transport, and impact)
 - ? Wetland Ecology (restoration and management)
 - ? Public Health and Epidemiology (including mosquitoes and toxicity)Please reply by e-mail ASAP (to walter.dawydiak@co.suffolk.ny.us and cc: kim.shaw@co.suffolk.ny.us) as to whether you like this approach as well as your preferred discipline. If you would like us to know your specific area of expertise, including publications, please e-mail this information as well.
- 2) Summary Dissemination - It is the intent to contact everyone via e-mail. If you prefer paper copies be sent, please let us know.
- 3) Next Meeting – After the joint meeting with the Steering Committee on the 17th, the TAC will likely meet in early October.

Highlights

- 1) Background – Walter Dawydiak (SCDHS) gave a slide show presentation summarizing the events that have led up to the need for the SCVC and Wetlands Management Long Term Plan and Environmental Impact Statement. Greg Green (Cashin Assoc.) and David Tonges (Cashin Assoc.) gave an overview of the proposed project team.
- 2) Charges – the following draft charges were discussed and provisionally accepted as appropriate:
 - ? Provide input and guidance with respect to developing and conducting technical aspects of the study.
 - ? Review program progress, and provide input to the Steering Committee
 - ? Assist in integrating technical findings, to support development of management recommendations.
- 3) Membership List – The following additional names and agencies were suggested for membership on the Technical Advisory Committee:
 - ? Army Corps of Engineers
 - ? Center for Disease Control (Dr. Gubler, Fort Collins, CO; Dr. Silvastrov, Atlanta, GA)
 - ? Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (Paul Capotoso)
 - ? Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation District (Tom McMahan)
 - ? U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (Allan Connell)
 - ? U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Pat Rexinger)

The Cornell Cooperative Extension – Marine Unit, Ducks Unlimited (Craig Kessler) and New York State Department of Health have been invited to participate but were inadvertently left off the Proposed Management Structure graphic.

- 4) By-Laws – Proposed draft by-laws were disseminated. The by-laws will be discussed, finalized, and approved at the next TAC meeting.
- 5) Election of Officers – According to the proposed by-laws, a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote of the members. The offices were discussed and elections will be held at the next TAC meeting.
- 6) Meeting Frequency and Location – The TAC will likely meet every other month. Future meeting locations will likely be in Hauppauge to make it easier for those who work in New Jersey, New York City, and western Long Island to attend.
- 7) Comments –
 - ? Dr. Adrian Enache (USEPA) stressed that the control of West Nile Virus and other mosquito borne diseases is imperative.
 - ? The potential for other mosquito diseases other than West Nile Virus needs to be addressed.
 - ? The risk of disease transmission as a function of a particular area needs to be considered.
 - ? Specific mosquitoes need to be targeted in order to have an effective management program.
 - ? Many were concerned that one year of monitoring was not enough.
 - ? Will the Long-Term Plan be linked to drainage-related issues and the Phase II Stormwater Regulations?
 - ? Will the Long-Term Plan cover wetland banking issues?
 - ? EPA has long-term fate studies on pesticides in the water column and in sediments.
 - ? How are impacts on non-target organisms going to be measured?
 - ? From a SEQRA perspective, maybe the EIS and Long-Term Plan should be split into freshwater and saltwater wetlands.
 - ? Will areas that have not been ditched, such as Mashomuck, be included in the Long-Term Plan?
 - ? The Consultant needs to address the balance of resources allocated between freshwater and tidal wetlands.

Upcoming Important Dates:

September 10th - *Public Scoping Hearing* – 7 pm at the William H. Rogers Legislators Building, Hauppauge, NY

September 17th – *Joint Technical Advisory and Steering Committee Meeting* – 10am at the Riverhead County Legislative Auditorium, Riverhead, NY. At this meeting, the Consultant will discuss the technical details of the Long-Term Plan on a task by task basis. Dialogue and comment will be invited.

September 25th – *End of Scoping Period*