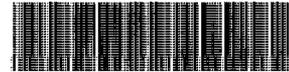




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Management Action Committee (MAC) Meeting
April 1, 2003
Centredale Manor Restoration Project
North Providence, Rhode Island

Attendees:

Louis Maccarone, RIDEM
Eugenia Marks, Urban Rivers Team/ Audubon Society
Jane Sherman, Woonasquatucket Watershed Council
Frank Bursie, Town of N. Providence Special Projects Coordinator
Dave Scotti, LEA
Cornell Rosiu, EPA
Angela Bonarrigo, EPA
Anna Krasko, EPA

Agenda:

o Technical Update

Anna Krasko updated MAC members on the geophysical and geomorphological evaluations being performed by COE and EPA ERT. Sediment coring in Allendale and possibly Lyman Mill ponds is being planned for the first week of May. Sediment cores will be processed at EPA Narragansett laboratory and will be dated using Pb-210 and Cs-137 radioisotope data, to be followed by dioxin analyses.

Dave Scotti updated the group on work being completed by private parties under the EPA's order. LEA is finalizing arrangements for off-site disposal of the soil removed from residential-use properties.

Cornell Rosiu discussed the Data Evaluation report provided to the group at the last MAC meeting. Additional follow-up is required to respond to some questions on the details of that report.

Cornell also reported that the 2003 tree swallow study will start during the second week of April

with the placing of the tree swallow boxes, including the Manton reach of the river.

o Community Outreach Update

Angela Bonarrigo updated the group on the recent communications with the Northern RI Conservation District on the outreach level for the *Do's and Don't's for the Woonasquatucket River* in the Johnston middle school (3rd grade) planned for this Spring. Next week, EPA will also issue its annual press update on this issue.

Eugenia Marks reported that she can distribute additional EPA's leaflets on responsible use of the Woonasquatucket River to the Johnston residents near the river.

There was a report on children fishing downstream of the Allendale dam. EPA is to look into additional signage on the Allendale way to face the west side of the River (Johnston side).

o Other Items

EPA will plan to arrange a presentation by Maureen Corcoran of the COE Waterways Experimental Station based in Vicksburg, MS on the geomorphological study being conducted on the River. The next MAC meeting will be scheduled to accommodate this presentation, likely at the end of April/beginning of May.

MAC meetings are being held on the first *Tuesday* of each month at 1:00 pm in the Town Hall.