

Marengo River Watershed Partnership Steering Team Meeting, 10/11/10, 11am-1:00pm

Present: Grant Herman (Northland College, SOEI), Ruth Oppedahl (UW-Extension), Naomi Tillison (Bad River Natural Resources), Matt Hudson (BRWA)

The agenda for today's meeting:

1. De-brief from October 7th project partners meeting.
2. Next steps for implementation strategy, building support

Meeting Notes

The Team discussed the Oct. 7th Project Partners meeting at the Marengo Valley School. There was good attendance from watershed Towns and the general feeling was that participants were supportive of the idea of continuing the Marengo River Watershed Partnership beyond the end of BRWA's current grant (ends Dec. 31). The group felt the round-robin discussion went well and that meeting participants were engaged and could see the value of having a forum like the MRWP to get together as a community, learn what others are doing, and identify new opportunities for projects. Participants also liked the informal nature of the MRWP (pot luck, open discussion, no "Robert's Rules").

The Team discussed the best approach to getting support from project partners. Here's a summary:

- Target for end of December is a final draft watershed action plan. EPA approval not likely prior to end of BRWA's grant.
- Get letters of support for final draft plan from watershed community (Towns, Counties, Bad River, State of WI) by the next MRWP meeting scheduled for Dec. 16th. This will grease skids for asking for formal resolution of support to be included with final EPA-approved plan. Matt and Val will lead this effort.
- Figure out details of what the MRWP will look like as the implementation forum for the watershed action plan.
- Develop model resolution of support, intent to implement, and designation of a representative to the MRWP. Ruth and Naomi have examples.
- Seek approval of resolutions as EPA approval process nears completion (hopefully early 2011).
- Develop placard or something similar for watershed community to put on their wall that says something like: "Proud member of the Marengo River Watershed Partnership, established January 2010."
- Agencies and organizations contributing input, expertise, and support to the MRWP project will be listed as "supporting agencies and organizations." Will need to confirm with each of them that listing them is OK.

Target for next Steering Team meeting is end of November, prior to Dec. 16th MRWP meeting. Matt will coordinate identifying a time and location.

Meeting ended at 1:00pm.