

Long Island Commission on Aquifer Protection Joint Subcommittee Meeting Notes

June 3rd, 2015

**Suffolk County Water Authority
260 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge, NY**

The following topics were discussed at this meeting:

Sustainable Groundwater Management Plan Outline

Carrie Gallagher and Steven Colabufo shared the Groundwater Management Plan outline with the group. All topics previously included on the large “roadmap” have been incorporated into the Management Plan outline. Most topics appear as subtopics within Part VII of the outline. Some of the broader topics of interest have their own section. At this point, this outline of the Management Plan can be shared with the full Commission and the public.

As an additional work item, Ron Theofield, SCWA Intern, will be working on a summary of all the recommendations from previous Island-wide groundwater studies and plans. Such studies include the following:

- NYSDEC 1986 Long Island Groundwater Management Program
- SC Comp Plan - 2015 version
- 1993 WQ Conference Proceedings
- USGS North Atlantic Coastal Plain (NACP) –2015
- FANS Study – Brian Schneider will scan exec summary
- Bosworth & Spencer hearings summary doc – Sarah Meyland will send
- BT Camp – Brown Tide studies – check with PEP
- Source Water Assessment Summary Plan (2003)
- NYS/Long Island Water Resources Management Study: 1989
- 208 Study: Long Island Comprehensive Waste Treatment Management Plan
- Long Island Comprehensive Special Groundwater Protection Area Plan
- Non Point Source Management Handbook
- 1st Nassau and Suffolk Counties Comprehensive Plan – water sections, bibliographies
- 2nd Nassau and Suffolk Counties Comprehensive Plan – water sections, bibliographies
- 3rd Nassau and Suffolk Counties Comprehensive Plan – water sections, bibliographies

Sustainable Groundwater Management Plan Individual Topics

Polly Weigund explained that the topics “secondary effluent irrigation” and “fertigation” are separate processes and should not be lumped together. Tony Leung explained further that only tertiary effluent irrigation is legal on Long Island, and so that topic’s title must be changed to reflect this.

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Intra-County and Inter-County Water Transmission

Of particular interest to the group was the subject of water transmission, both within Nassau County and also from Suffolk to Nassau. Currently, transmission of water from the SCWA service territory into Nassau County is prohibited by law. In Nassau, abutting suppliers have interconnections that can be utilized for emergency purposes. However, as part of the WROS' investigation into water supply alternatives for Long Island, the concept of routinely moving water long distances on Long island as a matter of routine practice should be examined.

Orphan Topics

The numerous topics that do not currently have authors assigned to them were then discussed. Several members expressed willingness to participate in certain heretofore unassigned topics. The list of prospective authors for these topics will be updated shortly.

Long Island Aquifer Restoration Act (LIARA) Presentation

Jared Hershkowitz then gave a presentation on his chosen topic, public/private partnerships. His presentation described his vision for a Long Island Aquifer Restoration Act, or LIARA.

Other Business

Sarah Meyland was tentatively scheduled to make a presentation as well, but was unable to due to short notice. She will present at a future meeting.

Carrie Gallagher mentioned an upcoming EPA roundtable on water conservation on Long Island to be held in the SCWA's Education Center on June 15 from 10:00 to 1:00.

Carrie Gallagher explained that everyone on the signup sheet at today's meeting will be included in the subcommittee's membership list.

Attendees:

- Nicholas Bartilucci
- Steven Colabufo
- Joseph Defranco
- Kevin Durk
- Douglas Feldman
- Carrie Gallagher
- Paul Granger
- Julie Hargrave
- Jared Hershkowitz
- Corey Humphrey
- Tony Leung
- Sarah Meyland
- Brian Schneider
- Tom Schneider
- Paul TeNyenhuis
- Stephen Terracciano
- Stan Carey
- Gerald Ottavino
- Jennifer Pilewski
- John Pavacic
- Michael Madigan
- Karen Blumer
- Ron Theofield
- Rich Bova
- Bill Merklin
- Patricia Ramirez