



Planning Committee Meeting 3 – Minutes
October 7th, 2021 10:00AM
Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Greater Egypt Staff Present:

Tyler Carpenter, *GIS and Environmental Planning Director*
Kelsey Bowe, *Environmental Planner*
Gabrielle Reed, *Environmental Planner*

Greater Egypt Introduction

Mr. Carpenter gave opening remarks appreciation for the planning committee and their commitment in the watershed. He briefly reviewed the past meetings, agenda, and the remaining components of the watershed plan. The Nine Minimum Elements guidelines were discussed with the planning committee and the importance of the 9 Minimum Elements was expressed. Mr. Carpenter spoke about how without meeting the minimum elements, plans may not be accepted and approved by the EPA. He discussed the preliminary goals of the watershed plan such as identifying shoreline erosion, agricultural runoff, nutrient and sediment load reduction targets, possible BMPs, and the involvement of the planning committee.

- ✓ Detailed information regarding the watershed – based plan can be found in the Crab Orchard Creek Inventory and Assessment found on our website: <http://greateregypt.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/FINAL-Western-C.O.C.-Watershed-Inventory-and-Assessment-1.pdf>

Western Crab Orchard Creek Watershed Planning

- Review of previous meetings
- Element C BMPs- Load reduction through identifying pollution sources and impairments. Existing loads of sediment, nitrogen, and phosphorus. Detailed maps were presented and watershed wide BMPs and site specific BMPs were discussed.
- Element D Technical and Financial Assistance- Possible funding sources such as the EPA 319 Grant, USDA Grants, DOT funding, and landowners. BMP technical assistance can be possible through contractors, public workers, volunteers, or landowners.
- Element E Enhancing public understanding and involvement- Tyler emphasizes the importance of public involvement and the possible opportunities for outreach and education. Demonstration sites, and information pamphlets are discussed, as well as workshops and surveys.
- Elements F-I Implementing a Schedule- Interim measurable milestones must be set in place, benchmarks for load reduction targets must be established, and monitoring strategies need to be established. These elements are responsible for measuring how successful the BMPs for the plan are.

Future Meetings

Mr. Carpenter discussed the watershed plan schedule and the planning committee schedule moving forward into the next phase of the Western Crab Orchard Creek Watershed-based Plan:

- ✓ Watershed Planning Elements – Meeting 1
- ✓ Best Management Practices – Meeting 2
- ✓ Best Management Practices – Repeat of Meeting 2

- ✓ Implementation and Monitoring Strategy – Meeting 3

- Final Meeting 4

Meeting adjourned.