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MEMORANDUM

To: RMP Amendment Committee
From: Margaret Nordstrom, Executive Director
Subject: Record of RMP Amendment Committee Meeting of April 12, 2017
Date: April 28, 2017

The RMP Amendment Committee met on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at the Highlands Council office in Chester.

Committee Members present: Committee Chair Alstede, Committee Members Holtaway, Sebetich, and Vohden.

Committee Members present via phone: Council Chairman Rilee

Highlands Council Staff Members present: Margaret Nordstrom, James Humphries, Kim Ball Kaiser, Corey Piasecki, Maryjude Haddock-Weiler, Kelley Curran, and Casey Ezyseke

Also present: Lisa LeBoeuf, Assistant Counsel, Governor's Authorities Unit

Committee Chair Alstede called the meeting to order at 12:06pm.

Mr. Piasecki explained that at last month's committee meeting, Highlands Staff Leads gave an overview of each topic area's introduction and indicators. At today's meeting, Highlands Staff Leads will focus on staff's recommendations.

Each technical lead gave an overview of each program in their topic area touching on the following:

- Program Issues
- Recommendations/Science and Research Agenda Items

Agricultural Resources

Highlands Staff Leads – Corey Piasecki on behalf of Chris Ross

Highlands staff lead gave an overview for the program under the Agricultural Resources topic area:

- Agricultural Sustainability, Viability, and Stewardship

Proposed recommendations were discussed for the program under the Agricultural Resources topic area. Committee agreed that additional ‘value added facilities’ should be added to the report along with the inclusion of agriculture in the economic development topic area.

Economic Development

Highlands Staff Lead – Maryjude Haddock-Weiler

Highlands staff lead gave an overview for each program under the Economic Development topic area:

- Sustainable Regional Economy – Planning Initiatives
- Sustainable Regional Economy – Monitoring Activities

Proposed recommendations were discussed for programs under the Economic topic area. Under the ‘Sustainable Regional Economy – Planning Initiatives,’ the Committee agreed that agriculture needs to be tied into this program if an economic development plan is developed. Additionally, preparation of a Cost-Benefit Analysis of the RMP will be added to the Science and Research Agenda.

Future Land Use

Highlands Staff Lead – Corey Piasecki

Highlands staff lead gave an overview for each program under the Future Land Use topic area:

- Land Use Capability Analysis
- Redevelopment
- Low Impact Development and Project Review
- Cluster Development and Center Designation
- Housing and Community Facilities

Based on Highlands staff’s reviews, proposed recommendations were discussed for programs under the Future Land Use topic area. It was noted that the recommendation for the Land Use Capability Analysis includes the development of a Smart Growth map to guide future development and resource protection in the region based on the analysis.

Historic, Cultural, Archaeological, and Scenic Resources

Highlands Staff Lead – Maryjude Haddock-Weiler

Highlands staff lead gave an overview for each program under the Historic, Cultural, Archaeological, and Scenic Resources topic area:

- Historic, Cultural, and Archaeological Resource Protection
- Scenic Resource Protection

Based on Highlands staff's reviews, proposed recommendations were discussed for programs under the Historic, Cultural, Archaeological, and Scenic Resources topic area.

Wastewater and Water Utilities

Highlands Staff Lead – Casey Ezyske

Highlands staff lead gave an overview for each program under the Wastewater and Water Utilities topic area:

- Water and Wastewater Utilities
- Wastewater System Maintenance

Based on Highlands staff's reviews, proposed recommendations were discussed for programs under the Wastewater and Water Utilities topic area. An Alternative Wastewater System Program was discussed to assist communities that have failing septic systems or are in need of a wastewater system. Every Alternative Wastewater System Program will be tailored to each municipality's needs and desires taking into consideration environmental constraints. A Highlands Municipal Wastewater System Plan was also discussed, which will involve identifying programs that are working, an inventory of all septic systems, and providing educational materials and funding.

Waste Resources

Highlands Staff Lead – Kelley Curran

Highlands staff lead gave an overview for each program under the Wastewater and Water Utilities topic area:

- Highlands Restoration: Water Deficits
- The Efficient Use of Water
- Water Quality Restoration
- Highlands Restoration: Water Deficits – new subprogram (Prime Groundwater Recharge Areas)

Based on Highlands staff's reviews, proposed recommendations were discussed for programs under the Water Resources topic area. The Committee indicated that developing regulatory standards for water use efficiency is not appropriate. The Committee also expressed the importance of implementing a water user fee under The Efficient Use of Water program.

Implementation

Highlands Staff Lead – James Humphries on behalf of Judy Thornton

Highlands staff lead gave an overview for each program under the Implementation topic area:

- Municipal Plan Conformance
- Highlands Restoration: Water Deficits
- Preservation Area Conformance
- RMP Monitoring Program
- RMP GIS Data Updates

Proposed recommendations were discussed for programs under the Implementation topic area.

Report Out to Council

It is anticipated that a public notice will be sent to conduct a work session on May 18, 2017 followed by the previously scheduled Council meeting. The work session will be held to review the Draft Monitoring Program Recommendation Report (MPRR). The work session will be open to the public; however there will be no public participation at that time. The previously scheduled meeting of the Council will take place immediately following the work session at which time the Council will handle some business items.

The committee scheduled their next meeting in May.

The meeting adjourned at 3:23pm.