

LISWIC

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT – January 2011 through December 31, 2011

LISWIC amended its by-laws in January 2008 to make its fiscal year reflect the calendar year and to have its Annual Report and Annual Meeting in January as opposed to its previous fiscal year of October 1, to September 30.

The main objective of the Long Island Sound Watershed Intermunicipal Council (LISWIC) has been to organize, manage, and improve the Council as a means of encouraging cooperation among the member municipalities. The cooperating municipalities share a number of common goals including the prevention of non-point source pollution, the remediation of existing pollution and seeing how best to alleviate intermunicipal flooding problems. The members of the Council are the Cities of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Rye and White Plains, the Town of Mamaroneck, the Town-Villages of Harrison and Scarsdale and the Villages of Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Pelham, Pelham Manor, Port Chester, and Rye Brook.

LISWIC is organized under bylaws and is governed by an Executive Committee and Board of Representatives. The Executive Committee officers elected for one year terms in 2011 were: Charles Strome, Chair (City of New Rochelle), Stephen Altieri, Vice-Chair (Town of Mamaroneck), Lorraine Walsh, Treasurer (Village of Larchmont) and Phyllis Wittner, Secretary (Town of Mamaroneck). The two members from the Board of Representatives elected to serve on the Executive Committee were Scott Pickup (City of Rye) and Christopher Bradbury (Village of Rye Brook).

The Board of Representatives consists of two members and up to three alternates representing each municipality. A part-time Coordinator serves as the staff aide. Meetings are held monthly or as needed. Subcommittees are formed when specific issues are to be investigated.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report, maintained by the Village of Larchmont, covered the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. This report was presented to the Board at its February 18th, 2011 meeting. Based on this report, it was determined that there are sufficient funds available for LISWIC's operations as the account balance was \$10,647.51.

REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (RMSD)

BACKGROUND: (See previous Annual Reports for more detailed account). After several years of planning, discussion and the development of a *Feasibility Report – Regional Stormwater Management District*, and the drafting of several versions of legislation creating the Stormwater Management District to eventually be submitted to the State, it was determined in 2010 that approval by the State Legislature and Governor would be highly unlikely and LISWIC's focus should be on the development of a Westchester County Stormwater Management District.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BACKGROUND: In 2008, Westchester County Legislator Thomas Abinanti, Chair of the County Board of Legislators Environment and Energy Committee, proposed a County law to “create a new agency and countywide district to develop and implement a comprehensive storm water management plan for Westchester County...” During 2008 and 2009 conversations ensued between LISWIC representatives and County officials on this idea. Legislator Abinanti appeared at the September 25, 2009 meeting to discuss his proposed legislation which was co-sponsored by Legislator Judith Myers. As a result, LISWIC formed a Stormwater Management District Steering Committee to meet with County officials to develop a viable piece of legislation for both local municipalities’ and the County’s perspective.

During 2011, this Steering Committee, led by Al Gatta, continued to meet with County officials to develop appropriate County Legislation.

In early 2011, the Westchester County Board of Legislators adopted the Stormwater Management Law which was signed into law by the County Executive. The legislation creates a watershed advisory board for each watershed basin in the County. Members of the Advisory Board include one member from each municipality in the watershed basin and are appointed by the chief elected official of that municipality.

In April the LISWIC Board discussed the idea of hiring a consultant to create a capital improvement plan for the Lower Long Island Sound Watershed that would identify all the capital improvement projects that would benefit the district. A subcommittee was formed consisting of Chuck Strome, Al Gatta, Stephen Altieri and Chris Bradbury. The subcommittee met with representatives of Malcolm Pirnie and the County to advance this idea. Members of the Westchester County Planning Department attended the November 4, 2011 LISWIC meeting to discuss the idea further. (It should be noted that in 2012 LISWIC entered into an agreement with Malcolm Pirnie to prepare the required reconnaissance plan for the Lower Long Island Sound Watershed for submittal to the County Planning Department. Once this plan is accepted by the County, LISWIC communities will be in excellent position to apply for County grants to fund needed stormwater projects.

OTHER ISSUES:

The following matters were also considered by LISWIC in 2011:

In February discussion items included a Bronxville Stormwater Project and Leaf and Organic Waste Collection. In November, a new Westchester County Drainage Basin Map was discussed.

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LISWIC BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES – January – December 2011

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
Harrison		
Michael Amodeo		Town Engineer
Frank Balbi		Assistant Engineer
	Joan Walsh	Mayor
Larchmont		
Marlene Kolbert		Trustee
Lorraine Walsh		Trustee
	Josh Mandell	Mayor
Mamaroneck Town		
Stephen V. Altieri		Town Administrator
Phyllis Wittner		Councilwoman
	Nancy Seligson	Councilwoman
Mamaroneck Village		
Rich Slingerland		Village Manager
Dan Sarnoff		Assistant Village Manager
	Norman Rosenblum	Mayor
Mount Vernon		
Curtis J. Woods		Deputy Commissioner of Public Works
New Rochelle		
Charles B. Strome, III		City Manager
Omar Small		Assistant to the City Manager

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<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
Pelham		
Robert Yamuder		Village Administrator
Terri Rouke		Village Clerk
	Michael Shriman	General Foreman, Department of Public Works
Pelham Manor		
John Pierpont		Village Manager
Maryalice Barnett		Personnel Manager
Port Chester		
Christopher Russo		Village Manager
Gary Racaniello		General Foreman, Department of Public Works
Rye Brook		
Christopher Bradbury		Village Administrator
	David Burke	Assistant to the Administrator
Rye City		
Scott Pickup		City Manager
	George Mottarella	Director of Public Works
Scarsdale		
Stephen Pappalardo		Deputy Village Manager
Elizabeth Marrinan		Village Planner
	Alfred Gatta	Village Manager
	John Goodwin	Assistant Village Manager

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White Plains

Joseph Nicoletti

Commissioner of Public Works

Milagros Lecuona

Councilwoman

LISWIC Coordinator: Elizabeth Paul