

LONG ISLAND SOUND WATERSHED INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
SECOND ANNUAL REPORT- October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003

The Long Island Sound Watershed Intermunicipal Council's (LISWIC) main objective has been to organize, manage, and improve the Council as a means of encouraging cooperation among the communities. The cooperating municipalities share a number of common goals including the prevention of non-point source pollution, the remediation of existing pollution and the preservation of open space and natural resources. The founding members of the Council were the Cities of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and Rye, the Town of Mamaroneck, the Town-Villages of Harrison and Scarsdale, the Villages of Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Pelham Manor, Port Chester, and Rye Brook. The Village of Pelham requested membership in LISWIC in September 2002 and their petition was accepted and approved in November 2002.

The council is organized under bylaws and is governed by an Executive Committee and Board of Representatives. The Executive Committee for October 2002 through September 2003 consisted of Phyllis Wittner Chair (Mamaroneck Town), Steven Otis Vice Chair (Rye City), Michael Wiener Treasurer (Larchmont), Christopher Bradbury Secretary (Rye Brook) and two members from the Board of Representatives, Stephen Pappalardo (Scarsdale) and James Maxwell (New Rochelle June-October 2003). The Board of Representatives consists of two members representing each municipality.<sup>1</sup> Each of the latter may have up to three alternates. A part-time Coordinator serves as the staff aide. Meetings are held monthly; the Annual Meeting takes place in October. Subcommittees are formed when specific topics are to be investigated.. Annual dues of \$500 were collected in 2001 and 2003.

Much of 2003 was spent in studying ways in which the members can work together to implement the federal stormwater Phase II regulations promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through the New York State (NYS) Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Compliance with the regulations was required of local governments and necessitated filing a Notice of Intent (NOI) or long-range plan for reducing stormwater runoff and its contaminants from entering navigable waterways such as Long Island Sound (LIS).

**Amendment to Bylaws-** *Section X- Dues and Finance* was amended to provide a penalty provision for member municipalities delinquent in their annual dues. *Article XI- Enactment; Amendments* was amended at Section 2 to simplify the procedure for amending bylaws. *Article II- Membership Section 1* was amended to add the Village of Pelham to the list of member municipalities. *Article II- Section 3* clarified the number of representatives and alternates a municipality could appoint to the Board of Representatives. Members serving on this subcommittee were Steve Pappalardo, Daniel Sarnoff (Scarsdale) and James Maxwell.

**Code Enforcement Grant-** In 2000, the Town of Mamaroneck, on behalf of LISWIC, wrote a grant proposal for money for code enforcement of infiltration and inflow (I & I) compliance.

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix I.

The grant was awarded and the contract received at the end of April 2001. The grant requirements for reimbursement required from each participating municipality progress reports for the time spent and certification that the work was completed satisfactorily. Funds were allocated based on each municipality's population and the number of illegal connections corrected.. (The County identified approximately 60% of the illegal connections and will evaluate the effects of these corrections on waste water overflow.)

**Stormwater Utility District**-The Council continued to investigate appropriate methodology for establishing a regional stormwater utility district (SUD) which would provide a governing body and funding mechanism (fee supported) for the implementation of identified stormwater pollution preventive measures within the lower Long Island Sound drainage area. Alfred Gatta (Scarsdale) continued to Chair this committee<sup>2</sup>. Dan Sarnoff produced a Power Point presentation. . The SUD was seen as an effective way to deal with the issue of stormwater management and the Phase II regulations. The district will have a basin and watershed plan, an education and outreach program, a capital improvement plan, an operations and maintenance program and a source control plan. A district board comprised of members from each municipality, probably based on population, would be formed to govern the district. Issues concerning the determination of fees, the size of parcels to be included in the district remain to be decided. Presentations were made by Al Gatta (or Peter Korn if there was a conflict) with Dan Sarnoff at the computer and Phyllis Wittner or Steve Otis doing the introductions to the Village of Larchmont, Town of Mamaroneck, Village of Mamaroneck, City of Mount Vernon, City of New Rochelle, Village of Pelham, Village of Pelham Manor, Village of Port Chester, City of Rye, the Village of Rye Brook and the Town/Village of Scarsdale. In addition, presentations were made to the Supervisor of the Town of Eastchester, the Westchester County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), the County Committee on Nonpoint Source Pollution and to the County Legislative Committee on Environment and Health. The SWCD, the Nonpoint Committee and the League of Women Voters endorsed the Stormwater District by resolution. Al Gatta also spoke at a conference sponsored by the Federated Conservationists of Westchester County at Pace University Pleasantville in May. Work on an Environmental Protection Fund grant application was begun during August and September.

**Ordinance Committee**- Codes pertaining to stormwater management, erosion and sediment control and wetlands were requested from each municipality to determine whether they had "stand alone" laws or whether these subjects were included in other legislation. The EPA's Phase II regulations require that every municipality adopt ordinances or incorporate regulations into building permit requirements. Two ordinances were recommended by the committee and sent to LISWIC members as excellent examples: the *Model Ordinance for Erosion and Sediment Control* prepared by the SWCD and the *Model Stormwater Management Ordinance* written by the Department of Environmental Conservation /Adirondack Park Agency and selected by the Land Use Law Center at Pace University School of Law. It was noted that in view of the latest

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<sup>2</sup> Original Co-Chairs were Al Gatta and Peter Korn, who retired in September 2002.

Phase II NOI requirements, one should also refer to the *New York Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control* and DEC's *New York State Stormwater Management Design Manual* for possible modification.

**Technical Advisory Committee**- Christopher Bradbury, Chair (Rye Brook). The committee collected Phase II NOIs from the member municipalities which were forwarded to Scarsdale for their summer college interns to compile information concerning municipal planning to see if there are areas LISWIC might focus on especially pertaining to the development of public education materials. To date, the matrix has not been completed.

Information about mutually beneficial products was to be collected from vendors and disseminated. One example of this is the availability of stickers and plates to carry the message "Do Not Dump" as an alternative to storm drain stenciling. Also discussed was the possibility of a link from Westchester County to a LISWIC web site for sharing information.

Subjects to be reviewed by the committee were the NYS DEC Storm Water Guidance manual, current municipal practices for catch basin regulations and maintenance, retrofitting existing catch basins, street cleaning, screening floatables and modifying outfalls. Also discussed was the subject of producing a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program Implementation Guide. Educational literature and technical papers were distributed to the committee members.

## APPENDIX I

### LISWIC BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - October 2002- September 2003

#### Harrison

Stephen Malfitano, Supervisor/Mayor  
Robert Wasp, Commissioner Public Works

#### Larchmont

Liz Feld, Trustee  
Michael Wiener, Trustee  
Alternate: Kenneth Bialo, Mayor

#### Mamaroneck, Town

Stephen V. Altieri, Town Administrator  
Phyllis Wittner, Councilwoman

#### Mamaroneck Village

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|---|--------------------------|
| Sanford Miller, Village Manager           | February - December 2002 |
| Kathy Savolt, Trustee                     | April - December 2002    |
| Leonard Verrastro, Acting Village Manager | February 2002            |
| Alternate: Phillip Trifiletti, Mayor      |                          |
| Christie Derrico, Trustee                 | December 2002            |

#### Mount Vernon

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| Curtis J. Woods, Deputy Commissioner Public Works |               |
| Leslie Alpert                                     | November 2002 |
| Alternate: Ernest Davis, Mayor                    |               |

#### New Rochelle

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| Peter Korn                               | 1999 - September 2002 |
| Chuck Strome, Deputy City Manager        | February 2002         |
| James Maxwell, Commissioner Public Works |                       |

#### Pelham

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Richard Slingerland  | September 2002            |
| Arthur Scinta, Mayor | September - December 2002 |
| Lisa Stiefvater      | May 2003                  |

#### Pelham Manor

John Pierpont, Village Manager

Port Chester

Michael P. Murphy, Village Manager  
James Cole, Superintendent of Public Works  
Richard Falanka, Acting Village Manager

October 2000 - December 2002  
February 2002  
May 2003

Rye Brook

Christopher Bradbury, Administrator  
Victor Carosi, Village Engineer

Rye City

Steven Otis, Mayor  
Julia Novak, City Manager  
George Mottarella, Engineer  
Alternates: Carolyn Cunningham, Councilwoman  
Casey Liebst, Asst. to Manager  
Paul Shew, City Manager

January 2001 - December 2002  
September 2003  
September 2002  
September 2003

Scarsdale

Stephen Pappalardo, Asst. Village Manager  
Elizabeth Marrinan, Village Planner  
Alternate: Alfred Gatta, Village Manager  
Daniel Sarnoff, Asst. to Village Manager

September 2002

**Executive Committee**

Chair Phyllis Wittner  
Vice Chair Steven Otis  
Treasurer Michael Wiener  
Secretary Christopher Bradbury

Representatives from Board of Representatives: Stephen Pappalardo, Michael Murphy (until December 2002), James Maxwell (June 2003)

## APPENDIX II

### ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Liz Marrinan

Kathy Savolt

Liz Paul

Rob Biscaro                      College intern

### BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Steve Pappalardo, Chair

James Maxwell

Dan Sarnoff

### TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Christopher Bradbury, Chair

Stephen Altieri

Victor Carosi

John Clemente

James Cole

James Morris

George Mottarella

John Pierpont

Robert Wasp

Ben Salanitro

Curtis Woods

Robert Yamuder

(Stephen Pappalardo, Chair Oct.-Dec. 2002)

Rye Brook

Mamaroneck Town

Rye Brook

New Rochelle

Port Chester

Pelham Village

Rye City

Pelham Manor

Harrison

Scarsdale

Mount Vernon

Mamaroneck Village