

Long Island Sound Watershed
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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 elected in October 2003 for a one year term were Phyllis Wittner Chair (Mamaroneck Town), Steven Otis Vice Chair (Rye City), Christie Derrico Treasurer (Mamaroneck Village), Christopher Bradbury Secretary (Rye Brook) and two members from the Board of Representatives, Stephen Pappalardo (Scarsdale) and James Maxwell (New Rochelle). The Board of Representatives consists of two members representing each municipality.¹ 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 2004.

Phase II Compliance

Discussions continued regarding 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). This was done by March 10, 2003. This is a five year plan. Of the six required "Management Practices" in the NOI, two topics: *Public Education and Outreach on Storm Water Impacts* and *Public Involvement/Participation Involvement Techniques* especially lend themselves to intermunicipal efforts. (See Harbor Festival).

¹ See Appendix-I.

Stormwater Utility District (SUD)- A NYS Environmental Protection Fund grant application was submitted in October 2003 accompanied by nine letters of intent (Mamaroneck Town and Village, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Pelham, Port Chester, Rye City, Rye Brook and Scarsdale) and a letter of support from the Westchester County Commissioner of Planning. The grant would provide 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.. 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.

Letters were written in March 2004 to State Representatives and Senators requesting member item funds for the project. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, on behalf of Governor Pataki, announced state funding of \$100,000 for the grant, *Creation of a Regional Stormwater District for the Lower Long Island Sound Drainage Basin* on May 18, 2004. The required 50% local match will be \$45,000 (cash) and \$83,000 in in-kind services. The participating municipalities have pledged their financial and administrative support for their proportional share of the local match by resolution of their governing bodies.

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. 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.) Funds were distributed in December 2003 and January 2004 to Larchmont, Mamaroneck Town and Village, New Rochelle, Pelham Manor, Rye City and Scarsdale. Harrison received its funds in September 2004.

Technical Advisory Committee-². Discussions with the Board of Representatives were held regarding possible items that might be purchased "in bulk" to reduce costs, or equipment that might be loaned. Items for group purchase that were mentioned included police uniforms, street trees, disaster relief equipment and supplies. It was felt that since many purchases were made on NYS contracts and other items would involve complicated deliveries, the concept was temporarily tabled. James Cole (Port Chester) headed the investigation regarding the loan of equipment such as a Vactor truck for cleaning catch basins, a sewer video camera, inflatable boat

² See Appendix-II.

or portable generator, a trained operator would have to accompany some of the equipment and on many occasions, municipalities would need items at the same time. It was pointed out that cooperation between neighboring municipalities already exists.

An item that did lend itself to a group purchase was **storm drain markers**. In the past, municipalities (with and without volunteers) had stenciled storm drains with phrases like “Don’t Dump- Drains to Long Island Sound” and the like. Since the paint wore off after a few years and the method was slow, plastic storm drain markers are now manufactured to take its place. Discussion and selection of markers will take place in the autumn of 2004.

Historic Harbor Fair- As part of the Village of Mamaroneck’s Historic Harbor Fair, a water pavilion tent was erected at Harbor Island on June 13, 2004 to demonstrate the efforts being made in the fight to attain clean water. LISWIC participated in this public education and outreach event, and also sponsored an exhibit by the Norwalk Aquarium featuring a touch tank with organisms from Long Island Sound and a “pollution soup” to demonstrate the impacts of stormwater pollution. LISWIC’s booth highlighted continuously showing video tapes made by some of its members:

Floatables and Grit - New Rochelle,
Stormwater Quality Control Efforts - Scarsdale,
What People Can Do At Home to reduce nonpoint source pollution - Rye City,
Illegal Connections - Mamaroneck Village,
The Whys of Stormwater Runoff - Mamaroneck Town with the assistance of Paul Marraffino and photographs by Sandra Marraffino.

These tapes were also available for showing on municipal government access channels. Education and outreach materials selected by the Public Information Committee³ were available at the booth. Receiving acknowledgment for the months spent on this project and participation at the Harbor Festival were Larchmont, Mamaroneck Town and Village, New Rochelle, Pelham, Rye Brook, Rye City, Scarsdale. Thanks also went to Elizabeth Paul and Mamaroneck High School students for help in setting up and taking down the booth.

Logo- Thanks to the creativity and generosity of Meeker Associates, LISWIC was provided with a logo (see page 1) which was sported on its banner for the Historic Harbor Fair.

Website- Work began on the creation of a website for LISWIC. Elizabeth Paul presented ideas to the Board and proceeded to develop the site. We urge everyone to visit www.LISWIC.org. Among the links are those to each LISWIC municipality.

Pace University Land Use Law Center Website - At their request for a page pertaining to councils, LISWIC submitted a one page description titled “Who We Are” which was tailored for this purpose.

³ See Appendix-II.

APPENDIX-I

LISWIC BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - October 2003- September 2004

Harrison

Hugh Greechan, Asst Commissioner Public Works
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

Leonard Verrastro, Village Manager
Christie Derrico, Trustee
Alternates: Phillip Trifiletti, Mayor
Robert Yamuder

December 2003

Mount Vernon

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

In Iraq

New Rochelle

Charles Strome, City Manager
James Maxwell, Commissioner Public Works

Pelham

Richard Slingerland, Village Manager
Lisa Stiefvater

Pelham Manor

John Pierpont, Village Manager

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Port Chester

James Cole, Superintendent of Public Works	February 2002- June 2004
Jason Molino, Asst. to Village Manager	July 2004
Gary Raconiello, General Foreman	July 2004
Alternate: Richard Falanka, Village Manager	

Rye Brook

Christopher Bradbury, Administrator	
Victor Carosi, Village Engineer	
Alternate: Connie DiSalvo	April 2004

Rye City

Steven Otis, Mayor	
George Mottarella, Engineer	September 2003
Alternates: Paul Shew, City Manager	September 2003
Ryan Coyne	March 2004

Scarsdale

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

Coordinator: Elizabeth Paul

APPENDIX- II

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Christie Derrico
Steven Otis
Stephen Pappalardo
Charles Strome

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Christopher Bradbury, Chair
Stephen Altieri
Victor Carosi
John Clemente
James Cole
James Morris
George Mottarella
John Pierpont
Ben Salanitro
Robert Yamuder

Rye Brook
Mamaroneck Town
Rye Brook
New Rochelle
Port Chester until June 2004
Pelham Village
Rye City
Pelham Manor
Scarsdale
Mamaroneck Village