

**Lake Sarah Stakeholders Committee
Joint Meeting with Cities
Monday, April 7, 2008
Independence City Hall**

Call to Order. Chair Harold Burrows called the meeting of the Lake Sarah Stakeholders Committee to order at 6:38 p.m. at Independence City Hall, 1920 County Road 90, Independence, MN.

Present: LSSC Members – Fred Bills, Harold Burrows, Dan Cady, Mario Crespo, Mike Peterson, Tom Swanson and Jerry Wise.

Also present: Elizabeth Weir, City of Medina; John Barten, Three River Park District; Lance Gyllenblad, Independence; Beth Kunkel, Independence; Barb Peichel, TMDL Project Manager, MN Pollution Control Agency

TMDL Progress Update. The to date result of the TMDL is that Lake Sarah can assimilate 1091 lbs. of phosphorus per year from external loading (phosphorus brought into the lake by runoff from its surrounding watershed). Although the TMDL will not be completed until the end of this year, this figure will not change. At the last meeting, the Representatives from Greenfield, Independence, Loretto and Medina agreed that the allowable phosphorus amount will be divided by current waste load allocations. The cities were to vote on this decision at their respective council meetings during the month of March. Only three cities responded to John with a positive vote: the cities of Independence, Medina and Loretto. Corcoran and MNDOT were again not represented at this meeting. Harold will again contact Corcoran and set up a presentation for John Barten. Barten reported that they are presently doing modeling by division of allowable phosphorous by city by current waste load allocations. The study will be able to give the cities the approximate load reductions for each city and identify the sources of the loading.

To complete the legal process, an agreement will be drafted for signature by each city. It will include the load allocated to each city and the amount each city needs to reduce to meet the PCA criteria. The agreement and TMDL document must then be approved by EPA. Once the TMDL is approved, a TMDL implementation plan will be created for approval by MPCA. The consensus was that this process could be completed by early spring 2009.

Internal phosphorus loading is not addressed in the TMDL. To reduce the internal loading, treatment for curly leaf pondweed will be required.

2. Potential Sources of Funding and Current Progress. Dan reported that nothing has been done to date.

3. Other Discussion. Harold suggested the cities assign one or two individuals to represent them at these LSSC meetings so that we don't have to 'reinvent the wheel each meeting.'

4. Set Next Meeting Date. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Independence City Hall. John Barten suggested that we meet monthly from that point on.

5. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.