

LISS HRI Workgroup Minutes
3/25/2009 – Groton, CT

10:00am - Welcome Everyone / Introductions / Housekeeping

Database: Now online, but not yet linked to the LISS website. A brief demonstration of the database was done, and the topic of not being logged in while looking at the public database was discussed: when you are logged in, even if you are on the public page, all projects will be visible. The public database only shows projects that have been completed and that count towards our acreage and mileage goals.

- There are log-in options for each agency, that will be distributed with instructions on how to use the database.

Paper Map- NY points are updated, CT points are currently being updated in conjunction with database entry. Any new map created will only display completed and genuinely in progress projects. The new map may take the form of a smaller brochure and be used to direct the public to the new database- discussions will continue.

- A sub-group of L. Harrison, J. Kachmar, M. Parker, L. Graham, R. Burg, H. Young and H. Yamalis was formed to get the topic moving. A workplan of the brochure will be presented at the July Meeting, with a draft of the brochure ready by the November meeting.
- As a related topic- another subgroup interested in website updates was formed: R. rosza, R. Burg, H. Young, H. Yamalis, L. Graham and L. Harrison.

Annual Reports- The 2006 and 2007 reports are well on their way to being completed. The goal is to have them all completed by the end of May prior to the LISS Program Evaluation. The draft copies were sent around the group.

NOAA Stimulus Projects likely to be submitted

- Tingué Dam Bypass Channel, Seymour CT- CT-DEP
- Bride Brook (East Lyme) and West River (New Haven) combined to meet minimum- Save the Sound & CT DEP
- Springborn Dam modification/removal-Scantic River, Enfield, CT-?
- Lower CT River Wetlands- CT DEP
- Pugsley Creek- NYC P&R
- Sunken Meadow Creek- NYS OPRHP
- Udalls Mill Pond- Great Neck

Habitat Management- Juliana Barrett from CT Sea Grant presented a habitat management planning outline that is geared towards giving better guidance to land trusts and town conservation commission land stewards. This will give the various land owners a better tool by which they can move forward with projects.

ACOE Shellfish Restoration: TNC gave a brief update on the efforts, need to continue to look into working with shellfish commission, want to do pilot harvest areas experiments. Money has not been appropriated yet.

Attendance:

Heather Young

Jim Turek

Bryan DeAngelis

Lisa Cavallaro

Chris Cryder

Mark Johnson

Johanna Hunter*

Larissa Graham*

Ron Rozsa

Louise Harrison

Jon Kachmar

Harry Yamalis

Tim Visel

Juliana Barrett

Mark Parker

Nicole Maher*

* joined by phone.