

Committee A Meeting

May 1st, 2009

9am - 10:30am

Allison Mouch FCPZ staff

Committee Members present: Randy Toavs, Jim Heim, Frank DeKort & Marie AuClaire

After our last meeting we discussed at the Planning Board Meeting that we were pursuing a water quality map, which as we all know on a map would be hard to define "water quality" so as a committee we have agreed that a series of maps would be compiled to help define water quality.

Allison between meetings was able to help us decide how to break down the maps since the valley is so large, she was able to use GIS data that is available and the maps were created by watershed and then further broke down to sub-watersheds, the committee agreed that these maps and the boundaries would be ideal to help create maps that were at a scale the public could easily view.

Committee A has given Allison the task of following up with the ME lab to see what all items that they test for and to further that to see what causes them to do more testing in Helena and what is the process at both a county level and state level if questionable test results are reported. Also we have asked here to follow up with the County Health department for nitrate data on both public and private wells. We have yet to hear from Mr. Breckenridge with his data.

All Public Wells are mapped and Allison has printed this map, these wells must be monitored and data is public, this will be helpful for the areas that are near these public systems.

After reviewing the list, possibly that we can pinpoint 5 of the list that would be factors in our maps.....

Frank DeKort brought in a list of impaired streams and rivers for Flathead County and Allison and his office would be following up on the data so that we could add a map of the impaired rivers and streams into our series of maps of Water Quality.

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from discussion at the meeting need to form a list of maps that will be compiled to create the Water Quality Maps, provide a definition of Water Quality, and define a process of selecting and defining data for each map. Adoption process would follow the Growth Policy Amendment Criteria, chapter 9 page #144

A Main topic at our meeting last Friday is the process and motion that needs to be made from the Flathead County Planning Board:

On Accepting Data from Private Sources that is verifiable for the purpose and intent of updating and creating the Flathead County Growth Policy..

I apologize that I did not stress the importance that Committee A feels this is, since there are many organizations that are compiling data that would be helpful to our mission. This data must be for the general welfare of the entire county and not site specific, to aid in a subdivision review. The committee is to draft language to present to the FCPB on May 13th, so that we may follow a unified plan for both committees.

Our Next Meeting is scheduled May 8th, 2009 at 9am in the FCPZ office conference room.

