



New York - New Jersey
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Management Committee Meeting of April 3, 2006
(June 23, 2006)

1. The Management Committee meeting was convened at 10:00 at 290 Broadway in Room #D on the 27th Floor. Bob Nyman chaired the meeting.
2. The minutes of the November 17, 2005 MC meeting were approved as written.
3. Bob Nyman reviewed the annual work plan budget requests that were submitted. A total of \$611,872 of requests was submitted with \$492,600 of Clean Water Act Section 320 being available for funding. The MC discussed all of the items and the MC recommended budget table is attached. The following is a summary of the decision on each item.
 - Items 1, 2, and 3 (staff positions) were to be funded at the requested amount.
 - Items 4a and 4b (website and newsletter production) were to be funded at the requested amount.
 - Item 4c (print and electronic product development) was to be reduced to a total of \$15,000. It should be noted that there was approximately \$20,000 of carry-over from this category from last year's budget that is currently available for use, or could be carried over if necessary. The HEP Office will ask each committee and work group to provide details on any printing or product needs they may have between now and Sept 2007, including a possible document celebrating the 10th anniversary of the CCMP.
 - Item 4d (specified work group/advisory committee support) was approved at the requested amount. Details of how these funds will be allocated need to be worked out.
 - Item 4e (harbor-wide survey data compilation) was to be funded at an amount reduced to \$18,000.
 - Program travel, no longer an EPAHQ requirement to spend \$10,000 on this item, was reduced to \$6,603.
 - Item 5 (pathogens TMDL/modeling support) was to be funded at an amount reduced to \$66,250.
 - Item 6 (conceptual restoration planning grants) was to be funded at the requested amount.
 - Item 6b (development of conference to support HRE) was not recommended for funding. The general feeling of the MC was that the

opportunity for this type of conference to have an influence on the HRE planning had already passed. It was also noted that there was to be a stewardship conference held at the American Museum of Natural History this fall sponsored by NYCSWCD and that perhaps some emphasis could be focused on the HRE work at that conference. There was discussion about HEP playing a larger role in the outreach component to help facilitate getting public input to the draft plans as they become available.

- Item 7 (public access design grants) was not recommended for funding as written. The MC felt that it was premature to start providing grants for sites when the baseline of existing sites that HEP funded has not been completed and no listing of potential sites or specific needs had been developed yet. The MC recognized that it was desirable to help move the effort forward and will be seeking a proposal from the CAC Public Access Subcommittee to carry out the steps necessary to get to the point of developing an RFP for design grants. These steps would likely include assessing the gaps identified in the baseline study, establishing and implementing a process to identify potential access sites, and seeking MC and PC concurrence on the sites. In anticipation of this proposal, the MC recommended that \$20,250 be set aside for this effort, pending MC approval of the proposal.
- Items 8 and 9 (Stewardship Program and Virtual Harbor tool) were discussed together. It was decided that the Virtual Harbor item could potentially be funded under the Stewardship Program or Item 4c (print and electronic product development), but that an assessment of needs for stewardship and outreach programs needed to take place first. Therefore, it was decided that the Stewardship Program would be funded at an increased level of \$65,000.

Because most of the meeting was spent developing the draft budget, limited time was left for the remaining agenda items. Those items were reviewed quickly.

4. The status reports will need to be updated and work plans included with them. It was noted that the Public Access chapter needs to be put in the appropriate format and needs to include all elements.
5. The Targets and Goals discussion was postponed.
6. Regarding the Implementation Review response, Bob Nyman noted that he provided a copy of the MC's draft response to Kathy Callahan (PC chair) and she was going to discuss it with the other PC members so that they can give direction on how to proceed.
7. Laura Bartovics provided a summary of the three recommended Stewardship Program projects and noted that the Review Team decided that certain conditions would be associated with each funded project. The MC approved the recommended projects. Bob Nyman provided an update on the habitat planning project selection. He said that the review group selected a project proposed by the Eastern Queens Alliance for work at Idlewild Park, pending a review of some of their materials at an April 10th meeting.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.