

Agency Meeting 1/12/09

In Attendance:

State Agencies

Carmella Mantello, Director, NYS Canal Corporation
Peter Weisbecker, Project Manager NYS Canal Corporation
Rob Remmers, Chief, Operations and Technical Support, Army Corps
Megan Oberst, Army Corps
Ken Lynch, Director, of Region 7, DEC
Tim Joseph, Director, Finger Lakes region, NYS Parks
Steve Eidt, NYS Canal Corporation
Sue Poelvoorde, Finger Lakes Region, NYS Parks
Barry Pendergrass, Department of State
Terra Strun, Department of State

Consultant, City Staff & Officials

Liz Moran, Ecologic L.L.C.
John Mohlin ERM, Ed Hinchey, ERM
JoAnn Cornish, Director of Planning & Development
Lisa Nicholas, Senior Planner, Planning & Development
Bill Gray, Superintendent of Public Works
Scott Gibson, Engineer, Water & Sewer Division
Carolyn Peterson, Mayor
Maria Coles, Alderperson,
Jennifer Dodson, Alderperson
Ed Hinchey, ERM

Objective of the meeting was to try to determine if in water disposal is a realistic prime alternative for disposal site. This objective was not realized. Some of the relevant issues are noted below.

ACOE perspective: Need to dredge flood control channel to its original capacity; this requires removal of 470,000 cubic yards of material.

Canal Corp: Suggested limiting the scope of the project to remove sufficient material to restore lost navigational needs; 100 ft wide section to 10 ft depth would be less than 100,000 cubic yards of material.

DEC: Hasn't reviewed data quality report. Realistically, permitting a constructed wetland in Cayuga Lake is years away. Concern about the cost and risk are too high. Looking at armoring and structures, could be 2 million before any sediment is removed.

City Engineering reported that the outfall of IAWWTP extends off Stewart Park and would be a significant barrier to implementing a constructed wetland.

State Parks: reported that their master plan does not include dredge spoil disposal.

Ken Lynch: Advised the City to begin the DEIS process to develop the information at the proper level of detail to select among the alternatives.