

## **Dredging Advisory Committee Meeting 3-1-10**

In Attendance:

### **State Agencies**

Carmella Mantello, Director, NYS Canal Corporation  
Peter Weisbecker, Project Manager NYS Canal Corporation  
Dave Ralinsky, NYS Canal Corporation  
Steve Eidt, NYS Canal Corporation  
Jeremy Watts, Army Corps  
Brigit Brown, Army Corps (by phone)  
Ken Lynch, Director, of Region 7, DEC  
Sue Poelvoorde, Finger Lakes Region, NYS Parks  
Terra Sturn, Department of State  
Craig Schutt, District Manager, Tompkins Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

### **Consultant, City Staff & Officials**

Liz Moran, Ecologic L.L.C.  
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,  
Ray Benjamin, Director of Streets & facilities  
Wade Wykstra, Ithaca Board of Public Works  
Roxy Johnston, Environmental Analyst, Water & Sewer Division

### **Tompkins County/Town of Ithaca**

Ed Marx, Commissioner of Planning, Tompkins County  
Herb Engman, Town of Ithaca Supervisor  
Dan Karig, Water Resources Council  
Liz Cameron, Director, Tompkins County Health Department

### **Community Organizations/ Representatives**

John Gutenberger, Cornell University Liaison  
Jeff Cleveland, Owner, Johnson's Boat Yard  
Louis Raimondo, Friends of Newman  
Todd Bittner, Director, Cornell University Natural Areas  
John Mawdsley, Cayuga Watershed Network

### **The following issues were discussed:**

The difference between municipal parkland alienation (Act of the State Legislature) and State parkland conversion (act of the National Park Service). Staff will add this distinction to the inventory under issues relating to the use of Allan H Treman State Park.

SW Site- should add to the list of cons that there are wetlands on the site and the need to go under the railroad tracks.

Canal Corporation dredge equipment will not be available for 2-4 consecutive years- DEC should consider buying dredge equipment (could partner with City).

Discussion of reducing sediment coming down Six Mile Creek and dredging of existing entrapment structures.

Discussion of whether the southwest site could be permanent or temporary. Could be used as temporary while parkland is undergoing alienation.

Discussion of design and operations of the site: pond would be rectangular and would likely have fencing for security/safety.

The dewatering site should be in the center of the mass. DOT site is ideally located but too small for temporary or permanent.

Use of the SW site would minimize the impact of trucking the dewatered sediments because it is outside the city.

Need to look at temporary & permanent solutions – independently

Cost to develop SW as a sediment management facility and pump slurry to the site would be lost if it is only used as a temporary site.

Staff will circulate an email requesting individual site selection recommendations from DPAC members.