

**Chatham Run and Fishing Creek
Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan Update
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
June 15, 2006**

The Public Hearing was called to order by Commissioner Thomas Bossert at 9:00 AM.

It was noted that the recorded minutes from this Public Hearing on the Chatham Run and Fishing Creek Act 167 Stormwater Management Plans and Model Ordinance would be made a part of the final plan along with the minutes from the prior two Watershed Planning Advisory Committee meetings.

Lewis Steinberg, Clinton County Solicitor, submitted his written review of the comments that were received on the draft stormwater management plans and model ordinance. His suggestions for changes will be made to the final model ordinance. It was noted that the model ordinance will be the responsibility of the municipalities to enact either within the studied watershed area or municipal wide.

Tom Bittner, Clinton County Conservation District, noted that once the final stormwater management plans which contain the model ordinance are adopted by the County Commissioners, there can still be changes made to the model ordinance if a municipality so chooses, as long as the intent of the ordinance is not changed.

Mr. Bossert invited each of those present to present their testimony.

Bill Suydam, Clinton County and Pine Creek Township Planning Commissions, stated that he would like to see all of Pine Creek Township, including the Pine Creek watershed area not just Chatham Run watershed area, protected by this ordinance.

Mr. Pysher stated that the Township has the authority to adopt the stormwater ordinance within their entire township, if they so choose. He also stated that as the Pine Creek Engineer he has made that recommendation to the township that they adopt it township-wide for consistency.

Lewis Steinberg, Clinton County Solicitor, stated that the role of the County Commissioners was to consider adoption of the Chatham Run and Fishing Creek Stormwater Management Plan which includes the Model Ordinance for use by those affected municipalities. Each municipality will have the responsibility to enact this ordinance or amend an existing stormwater management ordinance that would meet the intent of this model ordinance.

Robert Jacobs, Castanea Township Supervisor, stated that he was here to learn more about the Fishing Creek Stormwater Management Plan and its effect on his township.

Dale Copenhaver, Gallagher Township Supervisor, had questions about the Lycoming County stormwater management study being done at this time and whether the Chatham Run Stormwater Management Plan would be adopted by Watson Township, Lycoming County, that shares a small portion of the watershed.

Mr. Pysher stated that while Lycoming Creek watershed was being studied, Lycoming County decided that a similar Model Ordinance will be adopted county-wide.

David Webb, Developer, stated that he was concerned about the new regulations from many aspects and how they will affect developers and the cost to build. He was also under the impression that the watershed boundary line was being changed under the updated study. He now owns a development in the Reeds Run watershed area.

Mr. Bittner stated that the watershed boundary lines did not change with the new update.

Mr. Harold (Bud) Yost stated that as a County Commissioner he was in agreement with the changes submitted by Mr. Steinberg.

Mr. Rich Kyle, County Commissioner, stated that the County Commissioners responsibility was to have the stormwater management plan updated according to Act 167 regulations and the Department of Environmental Protection. The Commissioners will adopt the Chatham Run and Fishing Creek Stormwater Management Plan updates which include the Model Ordinance. It is the municipalities in those watersheds responsibility to proceed in adopting the ordinance as they choose. He asked that municipalities realize it is under their authority to address stormwater management, not the County. He recommended that they consider adopting the ordinance to their best benefit.

Mr. Bossert thanked everyone for attending and for their comments. He reminded everyone that the Chatham Run and Fishing Creek Stormwater Management Plans would be considered for adoption at the County Commissioners regular meeting on June 22, 2006.

Meeting ended at 9:35 p.m.

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David Webb	Developer
Robert Jacobs	Castanea Township Supervisor
Dale Copenhaver	Gallagher Township Supervisor
Lewis Steinberg	Clinton County Solicitor
Thomas Bossert	Clinton County Commissioner
Richard Kyle	Clinton County Commissioner
Harold (Bud) Yost	Clinton County Commissioner
Todd Pysher	Pysher & Associates, Inc
Thomas Bittner	Clinton County Conservation District
Mary Ann Bower	Clinton County Conservation District