

GESC AND ESC/HERF MEETING

DATE/TIME: 12 January 2015/1pm

LOCATION: Tift Nature Center, 1200 Fuhrmann Boulevard, Buffalo, NY 14203

ATTENDEES: Ben Lenz (NYPA); Timothy DePriest (NYSDEC); Jim Kooser (Gomez and Sullivan Engineers); Erin Redding (Gomez and Sullivan Engineers); Scott Schlueter (US Fish and Wildlife Service); Kerrie Gallo (Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper); Dave Spiering (Tift Nature Preserve); Pierre Wallinder (Cazenovia Community Resource Center); Suzanne Villacorta (Cazenovia Community Resource Center); Jajeane Rose-Burney (Western New York Land Conservancy)

PHONE: 1-866-394-2346, Code 8068965646. Rene Rickard (Tuscarora Nation); Scott Kitcher (NREC\Niagara Musky Association)

AGENDA:

- I. Welcome, Introductions – Tim DePriest
- II. New Proposal Presentations
 - A. **Cazenovia Community Resource Center** – *Shoreline Restoration Final Design and Construction*, Pierre Wallinder, CCRC and Erin Redding (Gomez and Sullivan Engineers)
 - i. Pierre Wallinder and Erin Redding presented a proposal for final design and construction of a shoreline restoration project at the Sail Buffalo location on Fuhrmann Boulevard, Buffalo, NY. The project would be a continuation of the CCRC *Invasive Species Control and Native Planting and Park Beautification Project* (funded in 2014).
- III. Project Status Update:
 - A. **Stella Niagara Preserve** – Jajeane Rose-Burney, WNYLC
 - i. Jajeane Rose-Burney updated the Committee on the status of WNYLC's fundraising efforts and plans.
- IV. HERF pre-proposal evaluation:
 - A. **City of Buffalo** – *Buffalo River 204: Beneficial Use of Dredged Material for Ecosystem Restoration at the North Pond Adjacent to Black Rock Lock*—Tim DePriest
 - i. The ESC reviewed a more detailed design cost estimate from USACE and the City of Buffalo
 - B. Proposal to Change recipient of HERF award for *Fish Attraction Structures--Phase II* project from NYSDEC to Niagara Musky Association- Tim DePriest

- i. Tim DePriest gave a verbal status update on the *Fish Attraction Structures –Phase II* project that was approved in 2012. NYSDEC is not able to undertake this project in the near future; therefore, Mr. DePriest would like to transfer Project management to the Niagara Musky Association. He will prepare a written explanation for this transfer before the committee approves or disapproves.
- V. Project Status Updates/Requests
 - A. Ed Standora from SUNY Buffalo State submitted a request for use of remaining funds from the *Defining Habitat Use and Behavior of the Map Turtle in the Upper Niagara River* project.
 - i. \$5000 would be used to construct a prototype basking/nesting platform.
 - ii. \$350 would be used to purchase a color printed for printing reports.
- VI. Committee Items:
 - A. GES/ESC Committee Structure – Tim DePriest, Kerri Gallo
 - i. The committee discussed combined meetings of GES and ESC, the addition of a co-chair and other administrative items.
- VII. Action Items
 - A. Tim DePriest will prepare a written request for transfer of management of the Fish Attraction Structures – Phase II project.
 - B. Tim DePriest will follow up with USACE and City of Buffalo with questions/concerns regarding the *Buffalo River 204: Beneficial Use of Dredged Material for Ecosystem Restoration at the North Pond Adjacent to Black Rock Lock* pre-proposal.
 - C. The Committee will decide on funding approval/disapproval for the CCRC project through email.
 - D. Tim DePriest will email Ed Standora, Buffalo State, with approval notice regarding existing grant money request.