

Harpeth River Watershed Stakeholder Meeting
Wednesday, November 29, 2023
TWRA Region 2 Office on Ellington Agricultural Campus

Attendees:

TDEC:	Jennifer Dodd, April Grippo, Regan McGahen Vicki Steed, Samantha Buller-Young, Stephanie Durman	EPA:	Craig Hesterlee, Catherine York
Metro:	Mary Bruce	Franklin:	Michelle Hatcher
USGS:	Shannon Williams	SELC:	George Nolan
WADC:	Nick Tatum, Chandler Sullivan	CDM:	Zack Daniel
Hazen:	Scott Woodard, Danielle Jones, Matthew Revel	HC:	Dorie Bolze, Ryan Jackwood, Anne Passino, Grace Stranch
CRC:	Gray Perry	Citizen:	Christian Saxe
Harpeth Wastewater Cooperative:	Stacy Crouch	Barge Design:	Jason Winningham

General Meeting Notes

- Welcome and Introduction by Jennifer Dodd
- EPA Introduction, Project History & EPA Role, by Craig Hesterlee
 - EPA is here to support the state in their efforts.
 - EPA is happy to provide model support as needed.
- EPA Presentation: “2023 Updates to the Harpeth River Water Quality Model”, by Catherine York
 - Periphyton was added in the new WASP model update.
 - WASP model was updated to newest version.
 - They revised the WRDB project and added an HTML mapped calibration component.
 - Model can be useful in running scenarios such as natural conditions, changing climate conditions, changing land use.
- TDEC Presentation: “Harpeth River Stakeholder Update”, by Jenny Dodd
 - Current model and data are not showing DO impairment.
 - TDEC believes that the best path forward is in Advance Restoration Planning (ARP)
 - 2 new USGS stations are being added.
 - ARP will require stakeholder engagement/coordination with MS4s, Agriculture & Private Citizens Etc.
- Overall Group Discussion
 - General support of the ARP direction.
 - Focus will be on specific subwatersheds within the Harpeth.
 - An inventory will be made of available resources.
 - TDOT has research on success of different BMPs.
 - Group is interested to see if the model can help identify hotspots.
 - There is an interest in an information hub where we can collect all the different datasets, GIS information etc. as well as have ongoing communication.
- Wrap Up and Next Steps
 - Presentations will be posted to [TDEC Website](#)
 - Group to be considering the best way to organize ourselves.
 - Group to be considering what data/efforts that they could each bring to the ARP process.
 - Group to be considering possibilities for the information hub.
 - Next meeting to be announced.