

TCCOG Gas Drilling Task Force – Progress Report
June 17, 2010

Park Foundation

- Funded a full time planner to help on topic of gas drilling.
- Funded Helen to do legal work – to ID impacts and create legal strategies to address industrialization of rural landscape.

Assessment:

- **Carol Chock** agreed to coordinate this group (thanks!)
- Hoping to enlist Jay Franklin to help predict effects on land values based on data from other states where gas drilling active.
- Group will address how gas production will be monitored – 2nd party monitoring preferred. Involve Weights and Measures. This could be a local legislative action.
- Helen would like to be involved in this process.

Land Use – Richard Driscoll

- Broke into several areas: CEAs – making a “how to” resource doc for municipalities (Liz, Anne, Karen)
- Working on noise and light regulations – towns with and without zoning (Richard, Jason)
- Home rule issues – Jason
- Air - Ken

Water – Sharon Anderson

- This group tackling: stormwater, effects on aquifers, drilling regulations and exemptions, water quantity and quality issues, flowback treatment/storage, protection of drinking water from wells and surface sources, effects of spills, new technologies for fracking that require less water,
- Their goal – to create a website addressing the these concerns from the municipal point of view.

Lobbying – Martha Robertson

- Raising support for Addabbo and Thompson moratorium bills
- Attending summit to create a statewide coalition of groups concerned with gas drilling.
- Make sure candidates for assembly and senate are on record for how they will address problems associated with gas drilling.

Roads – Don Barber

- Working on road construction law,
- road preservation – group supports Delta’s package
- Cornell local roads has model law – will run this past by Association of Towns.
- Working with the County and other municipalities to create *preferred haul routes*.

- Deciding how to precede in view of conflicts within existing NYS laws over who can regulate roads.

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

- Ric has formed a committee. Tom Parsons traveled to PA – will provide his initial report and establish recommendations for municipalities.

Community Impacts

- **Ed Marx** will ask Susan Christopherson to come speak with the TCCOG Task Force about her research into community impacts
- Bill Russell – Superintendent of schools in Owego – referring us on to another person to provide impacts on schools from areas that are already drilling.

Other

Katia Balassiano Cornell Dept of City and Regional Planning

- Created a resource binder for Tioga County Investigates Natural Gas
- Includes where municipalities can find information on
 - Noise and light ordinances for towns without zoning, and language for those that do
 - Information on critical environmental areas
 - Road protection laws and driveway permitting
- Resource binder delivered to TING – in May
 - **Liz** will contact TING for a copy – not sure if being released yet

Membership

- Becky DeWitt - on *lobbying* subcommittee, willing to help another subcommittee
- Steve Penningroth (Community Science Institute) and Hilary Lambert (Cayuga Lake Watershed Network) – potential contacts for water issues.

Communications

Joe Mareane – will see if the County can assist in setting up a listserv for communications

Helen (?) will check with John Nolan on regional community character plan.

Organization/Coordination

- **Liz** will send a synopsis of the minutes from each focus group to the subcommittee one week prior to the task force meetings and ask who is ready to report on progress.
- **Liz** will report progress to TCCOG

*** action items in bold**