

MEETING SUMMARY

August 26, 2008 Ludlowville Stormwater Control Project Initial Public Meeting

Lansing Town Hall

Present:

Scott Doyle, Tompkins Co. Planning
Jack French, Lansing Highway
Jon Negley, Tompkins Co. SWCD
Chuck White, B&L
Scott Nostrand, B&L
Dave Hanny, B&L
Dan Veaner, Lansing Star

Area Residents:
James Mason
Richard Cowan
Ethel Cratsley
Sarah McKane
David Taylor
Maria Terrell
Edward Terrell

An initial public interest meeting for the Ludlowville Stormwater Control Project (LSCP) was held at 7:00 PM, August 26, 2008 at the Lansing Town Hall to discuss the project purpose, approach and to hear concerns of the local residents. Prior to the meeting a drainage survey was sent to Ludlowville area residents. This was the first public meeting to outline the project to area residents.

I. Items Discussed

- a. Scott Doyle provided the introduction to the meeting including a brief summary of stormwater issues, importance of project, prior documentation, and project funding. Doyle introduced the project team members.
- b. David Hanny provided a summary of the original focus of the project (i.e. flooding at the Ludlowville Road culvert), but explained that the project study area has been expanded to include broader watershed drainage issues. Hanny explained that the first phases of the project included historical review, development of a watershed model, site survey including Salmon Creek tributary profiles and cross sections and culvert locations. The modeling will identify the existing deficiencies in the drainage system. He explained that future public meetings would be scheduled to report these findings.
- c. Charles White provided a summary of the engineering design alternatives and solutions that may be considered. White explained that the alternatives would be reviewed with the project team and community. Following response to comments an alternative would be selected and design would begin. White explained that

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construction would likely be conducted by County/Town forces and contracted out where necessary.

d. The following schedule was discussed:

Study and Modeling – Fall 2008

Presentation of Alternatives – November/December 2008

Design - Winter/Spring 2009

Possible start of construction in Summer 2009 depending on design options

e. Public Comments

1. Lansing Star – study area was presented on map boards
 - Charles White provided a summary of the multiple watersheds
2. Maria Terrell – 89 Lansingville Road
 - Source of water – flow off Benson Farm, north of Lansingville road, culvert diverts water to Terrell and Sarah McKane properties, makes 90 degree turn and drains into gorge.
 - Overtopping of road onto McKane property
 - Charles White indicated that basin extends to Davis Road, noted in first site field walk with Town. Surveyors and LIDAR to aid in defining the watershed boundaries.
 - Re-discussed the diversion –which may have come from State or County.
 - Sarah McKane – recalled that historically this was a flat field, modified by diversion. – 1930's diversion was put in. Historically water went down State road.
3. Dave Taylor – 244 Ludlowville
 - Biggest problem is erosion from new culvert, higher velocities
 - Has been at the residence for 3 years, seen ditch deepen from 3 to 10 feet
 - Taylor asked if we would be gauging the flow as part of this study
 - Scott Nostrand indicated that the models would be truthed with existing stream gauges. Some field gauging may be added in future.
 - Taylor asked if we would walk the problem areas with property owners.
 - Scott Nostrand replied yes, probably best once base mapping is complete.
 - Taylor asked who makes the decision and final call, County, Town, State?
 - Scott Doyle – the Project Team will have the primary decision
4. James Mason –175 Ludlowville Road
 - Observed large flows, that do not seem to match normal flow predictions
 - 1.5 inch water sheeting through grass
 - Encourages walking behind properties, to see the land loss

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- New infrastructure – Bill Duthie; discussed box culvert to put water in natural gorge – potential solution to eliminate risk in Ludlowville.
 - Lozen’s business – gorge from area near old schoolhouse, 90 degree turn; has jumped road
 - Jack French – suggested modification of culvert to State; they said will never happen.
 - Scott Nostrand - This alternative should not be discounted and if shown by studies to be a viable solution it gives ammunition to re-open discussion with State.
 - Mason stated that the cost of damage should be maintained within the discussion and evaluation; i.e. private landowner costs have risen to address these issues and the public agencies that have created the process need to be held accountable. He indicated that he would take hard action following another flood event.
5. Ken Gagnon – (not listed on sign-in sheet)
- Twin 24’ long 4’ diameter culvert put under road – conveys water at high velocity – Bolton Point water lines.
 - Not sure if put in by Town Engineer; Jack French says not by Highway, but may have been by Town/ or County.
 - This floods onto the Lozen’s, McRae’s, others, Nuttle’s property
 - Ken volunteered to walk this section with the project team.
 - Seeking aid with restoration of banks.
6. Jack French
- Believes that Lansingville Road is the key
 - Farm ditches and land use practice have greatly increased discharge rate
 - Charles White indicated that attenuation/retention ponds would be considered.
- f. Scott Doyle provided a summary and closure to the meeting stating that all options are on the table. He encourages the public input to continue through the study.
- g. Drainage survey forms were received from:
- i. Terrell’s – 89 Lansingville Road
 - ii. Richard Cowan – 34 Salmon Creek Road
 - iii. Erin Eastman – 178 Ludlowville Road
 - iv. Gilmore’s – 33 Mill Street
 - v. Ken Gagnon – 222 Ludlowville Road
 - vi. David Taylor – 244 Ludlowville Road
 - vii. Mailed in after meeting:
 1. Malcolm Green – 134 Ludlowville Road
 2. Gillian Pederson-Krag – 21 Maple Avenue
 3. Thomas Kheel – 161 and 163 Ludlowville Road
 4. Taryn Chubb – 21 Salmon Creek Road

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