

September 30, 2004  
TMDL Work Group Meeting Minutes

August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes approved with corrections.

Discussion on Dam Removal issues and revising corrections made to the July 14 meeting minutes, original minutes were correct.

Ross Hill from the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County asked to discuss the groups thoughts on Dam Removal on Forest Preserve land and whether or not there would be outside political and/or financial support from others in the watersheds. Bruce said that 319 funds could be used for both a feasibility study and for dam removal. First steps should include doing an RFP for dam removal costs with all advantages and disadvantages with respect to water quality, biological communities, flooding and upstream restoration for each of the three dams as well as a feasibility study for re-aeration.

Beth had questions at an earlier meeting about whether or not instream aeration has been done on streams like Salt Creek or East Branch. Bruce has found a few examples of papers that touch on this topic and will provide a list of information to anyone interested.

TMDL Link document revisions were reviewed by the group, and generally agreed upon. Bruce will send this document to USEPA as an FYI and for any comments that they may have. The Link document will be included as a part of the Implementation plan for the East Branch and Salt Creek TMDLs. Beth will make a few minor changes to include that the monitoring will occur under an approved QAPP so that the data can and will be used.

Scope of work for the monitoring program was discussed and approved with some minor changes to make sure that costs were broken down by cost and estimated time frame so that each of the tasks can be prioritized. A final version will be circulated to the group for final comments and then it will be sent out to the consultants on the list. It was also decided by the group that consultants representing members of the group would not be included on the list due to potential conflict of interest.

Large group meeting was moved to November 17<sup>th</sup> so this group can meet on October 27<sup>th</sup> to work out the agenda for the 17<sup>th</sup>.

TMDLs for East Branch, West Branch and Salt Creek have been approved by USEPA.