

MEETING NOTES

HB 1579 COMMISSION TO STUDY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

RESEARCH ON ALTERNATIVE STATE PROGRAMS SUBCOMMITTEE

March 16, 2009 * 11:30 AM
LOB Room 305, Concord, NH

Present:

Representative Sue Gottling, NH House of Representatives
Cheryl Killam, representing NH Municipal Association
Jennifer Czysz, NH Office of Energy and Planning
Laura Deming, NH Audubon Association

I. REVIEW MEETING NOTES FROM FEBRUARY

II. REVIEW MATRIX

Jen distributed copies of the draft matrix which was built upon the framework identified at the February meeting. Each member present selected work to contribute to the matrix revisions as follows:

- Check on any additional federal permits required by EPA or the Army Corps of Engineers that need to be added to the matrix. – Cheryl
- Identify any additional grant programs – Cheryl and Rep. Gottling
- Add a row to the matrix of wildlife related programs and identify programs across the row – Laura
- Look into any Best Management Practices that should be added to the Matrix – Laura
- Add a row to the matrix of integrated permitting programs and identify programs across the row – Jennifer

The subcommittee identified the following additional programs to be listed in the matrix:

- Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Wildlife Action Plan
- Driveway Permits
- Brownfields program

Additionally subcommittee members began to identify individual research assignments as follows:

- Community Technical Assistance Program – Cheryl
- Community Development Block Grants – Cheryl
- Maine Site Law – Pete
- Massachusetts Environmental Policy – Pete
- Vermont's Act 250 – Pete
- Rivers/Streams row – Laura
- Aquifers row – Laura
- Wildlife row – Laura

Other edits and recommendations for the matrix identified at the meeting included:

- Merge the Infrastructure and Transportation rows

- Merge the Redevelopment and Historic Preservation Rows
- Add a Wildlife row
- Add a Coordinated permitting row
- Hyperlink to the individual program research pages from the program listing on the matrix

III. REVIEW RESEARCH TEMPLATE

Jen distributed copies of the draft research template where the questions posed were directly based upon the points brainstormed at the February meeting for research content. The draft included notes of intended content for responses to each research question. Some refinements identified included:

- Expand the program description to be the main body of the research and be 2-3 paragraphs rather than sentences.
- The program description should also detail the program's scope, it's programmatic structure, who it applies to, and identify other programs it may be coordinated with.
- Add a new research field entitled "Jurisdiction and Thresholds" to detail who the program applies to and what thresholds or eligibility requirement apply to trigger the program.
- "Measures of Success" should be expanded to "Evaluation, Measures of Success and Performance Standards" in order to capture existing evaluation mechanisms and/or comments on the program's successes or deficiencies.
- The discussion of cost and funding sources should not only identify the program's budget but comment on its adequacy and whether additional funding is necessary to be fully effective.
- The discussion on the program's relevance to the commission should not only state how it relates to the commission's work but also note whether it addresses any of the stated needs or deficiencies identified by the commission.
- The field relative to the program's treatment of wetlands and environmental impacts should not whether they are a direct objective of the program or "side effect" as well as note whether those programs with a wetlands goal look at direct, indirect, secondary, and/or cumulative impacts.

IV. NEXT STEPS

Jen will make all identified changes to both the matrix and template. She will circulate the revised matrix after the commission meeting. Subcommittee members will make any further edits to the matrix (including those identified during the meeting) and select those programs they wish to research. Matrix edits are to be returned to Jen by March 23, 2009. Jen will compile all edits, then circulate the newly revised matrix and template to all subcommittee members to commence research of individual programs.

V. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting April 20, 2009, 1:00 PM, LOB Room 305

Note: This will be a subcommittee breakout session scheduled as part the full commission's tentative April meeting agenda