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TO PROMOTE AND GUIDE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COORDINATED, COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE GROUND WATER PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE STATE OF OHIO

March 15, 2004
Horace R. Collins Conference Room
Ohio Department of Natural Resources Repository Building
3307 South Old State Road
Delaware, Ohio

***NOTE:** The April SCCGW Meeting will be held at the Corps of Engineers Training Auditorium at Alum Creek State Park.

ABSTRACT

The March 2004 meeting consisted of Agency announcements.

ATTENDANCE

OEPA: Tom Allen, Vlad Cica, Bob Knipmeyer, Barb Lubberger
ODNR: Ted Lozier
USGS: Jeff DeRoche
ODH: Rebecca Petty
BUSTR: Charles Zepp
NRCS: John Armentano

FEBRUARY MEETING SUMMARY

No changes requested.

AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ohio EPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Tom Allen and Barb Lubberger announced:

- The April SCCGW meeting will be held at the Corps of Engineers facility next to the Alum Creek dam. Afterwards, David Jones, from Storm Center Consulting in Maryland, will give a presentation on how to make watershed information a feature on the local TV news. OWRC and SCCGW members and the educational and public relations staff from the member agencies are invited. Date and time are April 15th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. **See attachments.**

- The agenda for the April 28th WMAO/OWEA Watershed workshop has been finalized; Tom distributed copies. Agencies are encouraged to provide a booth. The workshop will be held at the University Plaza Hotel on Olentangy River Road. Attached is the announcement and registration form for the Watershed Workshop..

- The WMAO fall conference is set for October 6-7, 2004, at the Marriott North. This conference is partnered with the County Engineers Association of Ohio, whose water concerns include being able to comply with new storm water regulations.

- After the July SCCGW meeting on July 15th, there will be a demonstration of geoprobe technology outside the Horace Collins Conference Center.

- Starting in April, the Source Water Assessment and Protection Program will be piloting a template for fill-in-the-blank 'protection plans'. Statewide, nine public water system operators for relatively small systems (serving 5,000 or less) will be participating.

Ohio EPA, Directors Office, Bob Knipmeyer announced:

- A hearing planned for March 17th on House Bill 231 (household sewage legislation) was cancelled due to concerns expressed by the Realtors Association over a disclosure statement.

United States Geological Survey, Water Resources Discipline, Jeff deRoche announced:

- USGS is starting up the Great Lakes Science Seminars again, which is primarily a cross-divisional training featuring staff from various USGS disciplines. This year the topics include fisheries and ground water/surface water interconnection. Staff from various other agencies will be invited.

- The USGS Cooperative Project with the Medina County Health Department is underway. The purpose of this project is to compare the water quality in drains from traditional leach-line septic systems vs. Evaporation-Transpiration-Absorption (ETA) systems. The results may help Medina County evaluate the adequacy of current home septic system designs and define the needs for alternative construction standards and rules.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, Ted Lozier announced:

- The Division will need to cut \$77,000 from its budget for the next three months, to absorb the recent statewide budget cut.

Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations, Charles Zepp announced:

- They are still working on their rules update.

- House Bill 266, which would move the State Fire Marshal's Office to the Department of Public Safety, was voted down.

Natural Resources Conservation Service, John Armentano announced:

- The RFP is now open for the Farm and Ranchland Conservation programs. \$2.3 million is available to purchase development rights and land for conservation easements.

Ohio EPA, Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management, Vlad Cica announced:

- The Division is concerned about the amounts of out-of-state construction and demolition debris (C&DD) waste that comes to Ohio's landfills. C&DD waste is not supposed to contain any solid waste, but much of it is pulverized, making it impossible to determine exactly what it is. Beyond this regulatory difficulty, gypsum board—which constitutes a large portion of C&DD waste--produces hydrogen sulfide in a landfill, causing serious air and water quality impacts.

Ohio Department of Health, Rebecca Petty announced:

- The annual Midwest Conference for sanitarians will be held all next week at the University Plaza Hotel, March 22-25.

- OWWA has invited Dave Hanson to give a presentation on well rehabilitation at their April 6-8 conference at the Ramada Inn in Bellevue.

- Based on population data from a USEPA document titled *2003 Factoids*, combined with the number of wells in the ODNR well log database, an estimated 1.3 Ohioans obtain their drinking water from private wells.

- The current Darcy Lecturer is Dr. Allen M. Shapiro, a research hydrologist with the USGS in Reston, Virginia. His lecture is titled "Recent Advances in Characterizing Ground Water Flow and Chemical Transport in Fractured Rock: From Cores to Kilometers". Rebecca asked Jeff DeRoche to see if Dr. Shapiro could schedule a lecture somewhere in central Ohio.

- The 2005 Darcy Lecturer will be Douglas "Kip" Soloman of Utah State, speaking on tritium/helium isotopes in unconfined aquifers.

NEXT SCCGW MEETING:

April 15th - at the Corps of Engineers building at Alum Creek reservoir. John Wells is tentatively scheduled to present "the best of downhole camera footage". The meeting will be followed in the afternoon by David Jones' presentation on how to make watershed information a feature on the local TV news.

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION

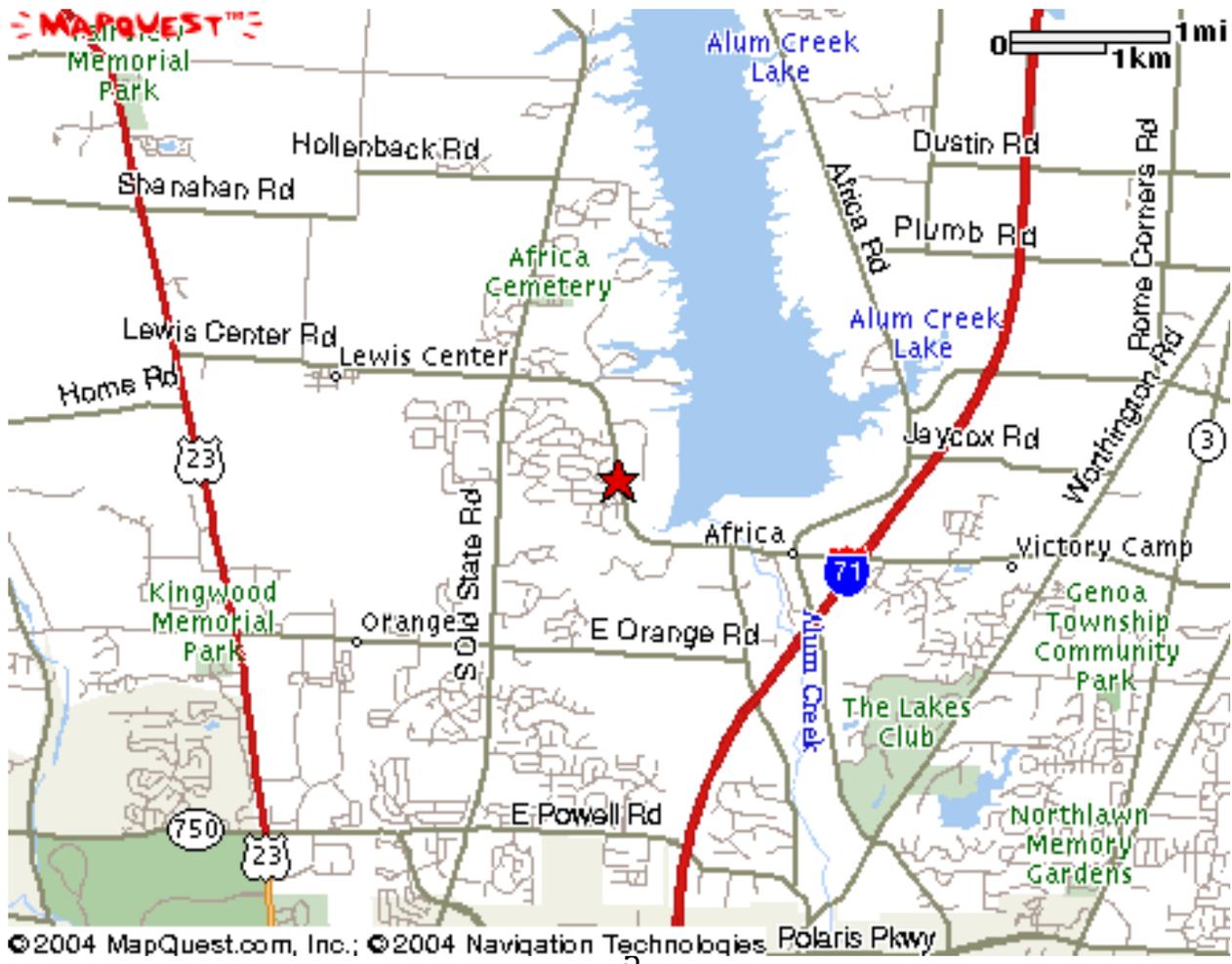
by Dave Jones of **STORMCENTER COMMUNICATIONS INC.**

April 15, 2004

US Corps of Engineers Visitor Center Alum Creek State Park

You are invited to a special presentation by Dave Jones of StormCenter Communications, sponsored by the State Coordinating Committee on Ground Water (SCCGW) and the Ohio Water Resources Council (OWRC). The presentation is scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on April 15th at the US Corps. of Engineers Visitor Center located at Alum Creek State Park, 5905 Lewis Center Rd., Lewis Center, OH 43035 (see attached map). The OWRC is evaluating this option for addressing its recommendations for state-wide outreach on protecting Ohio's water resources and supporting local watershed protection efforts.

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WMAO/OWEA Workshop

April 28, 2004

The Water Management Association of Ohio (WMAO) and the Ohio Water Environment Association (OWEA) are pleased to announce the 4th Annual Watershed Workshop, April 28, 2004 in Columbus, Ohio. This day long workshop is designed to bring together Ohio water/wastewater professionals and encourage the exchange of information.

As part of the workshop there will be displays from state and federal agencies along with other organizations. They include Ohio EPA-DDAGW and OEEF, Ohio Dept. of Health, USGS, Franklin SWCD, Ohio Farm Bureau and USDA. These agencies/organizations will be present to provide information and assistance on a variety of water resource protection issues, of interest to watershed organizations and other locals.

In addition, there are 5 contact hours pending approval.

We encourage you to attend. Registration form is attached separately as pdf document.