

Small Watershed Studies Workgroup
Minutes of the February 12, 2001 Meeting
at the Maryland Geological Survey, Baltimore, MD
Recorded by Glenn Moglen

The meeting began at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Those attending:

Glenn Moglen, Emery Cleaves, Dick Doherty, Denise Clearwater, John McCoy, Ken Belt, Jonathan Angier, Jim Starr, John Wilson, Gary Fisher, Ed Doheny

Highlights:

We had a wide-ranging discussion of potential activities that the group could undertake. Possible tasks ranged from basic scientific studies focused on processes that dominate at the scale of small (1st and 2nd order) watersheds to more of a public outreach agenda with an emphasis on education for school children or managers, for example. It was also suggested that we could look at how our group's interest intersected with highly visible state efforts such as "Smart Growth". As we discussed possible outreach efforts further, it became clear that many of us were unfamiliar with the specifics of other members' efforts in our work and around the state. We resolved to address this by developing a web page of the members' activities and using this page to become more familiar with one another's work.

My (Glenn Moglen's) personal comment: If I sensed any real surge of energy and interest from within the group it was when we began to discuss activities we were involved in that might benefit others in the group. We need to tap this energy and try to get the group involved in a range of collaborative activities. We need to also make the group's activities more visible (for instance, we need to find a better server and home for Shane Brooks' and Sean Smith's web-based stream restoration database – URL available off link given below under action items.)

Action Items:

Everyone is asked to e-mail to Glenn Moglen (moglen@eng.umd.edu) one or more URL's (web addresses) that provide some overview of activities they are involved with that may be relevant to the SWSW. For a peak at what has been sent so far, please visit:

<http://www.ence.umd.edu/~moglen/SWSW/>

Preliminary Agenda for Next Meeting:

Coming out of our discussions was the realization that we would all benefit from a better understanding of one another's work. The next meeting will include some -and-tell" presentations. Glenn Moglen will briefly demo his GISHydro software.

Johnathan Angier (and Jim Starr?) will present some of their work on riparian zone nutrient behavior based on a field study of a small 1st order watershed.

For planning purposes, if you would like to give a presentation as well, please contact Glenn Moglen in advance of the meeting so that a schedule can be organized and possibly distributed before the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

Thursday May 3, 2001 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Location remains tentative. Gary Fisher proposed possibly meeting at the USGS “Yellow Brick Road” offices. The exact meeting place will be confirmed in a follow-up e-mail a week before the meeting.