

**St. Clair Township  
Planning Advisory Committee  
August 25, 2008  
Summary of Discussion**

**ATTENDED BY:**

Marjorie Angst	Steve Bartels	Kevin Fall
Pearl Hicks	Bonnie Hobbs	Jerry Lanich
Tim McLelland	Eric Pottenger	Rich Santefort
Joe Schmidt	Ron Sunderhaus	Doug Wheelright
Ray Williams		

Staff: Bruce Koehler, Bill Miller, Tom Smith and Jane Wittke, OKI ;  
Mike Ekberg, Miami Conservancy District

Guests: Steven Hobbs

**The meeting presentation focused on the need for, the status of, and the potential for source water (drinking water) management in the township and vicinity. The presentation was interspersed with questions and comments from the committee and presenters, which are summarized below.**

**Source Water Management**

- What is still being cleaned up @ ChemDyne?
- Volatile organic compounds or VOCs are still being cleaned up at the ChemDyne site.
- Are tires in and of themselves a pollution problem?
- No, but if they catch on fire they can leach petroleum products into the ground and ground water.
- Are there any restrictions on the depth of gravel pits?
- Only that gravel pits stop at bedrock.
- Are there any concerns about active sand and gravel mining near water supplies?
- Not in the township at this point, but near Cincinnati's Bolton wellfield further south in Butler County, where mining is near the streambed, which provides a filtering effect for surface water and groundwater.
- Are there any restrictions on in-stream mining?
- Yes, now there are: in-stream mining may go no deeper than the usual channel.
- Are there state regulations on maintaining slope? Yes, at a 3:1 ratio.
- Is there a mechanism to enforce requirements for mining?
- Yes, you can work with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and with local zoning authorities.
- Doesn't the extent of a Time-of-Travel zone change with well pumping rates?
- It could, but there are options like alternating well pumps, or staggering pumping at different times of the day.
- Where does the overflow of the aquifer go?
- Groundwater "overflows" into surface water, such as the Great Miami River and Seven-Mile Creek.
- Who supplies water to the Village of Seven Mile?
- The Southwest Regional Water District supplies Seven Mile village.
- Are parts of the Time-of-Travel zones in the township outside of the aquifer boundaries? (Yes.)
- How big would the intermodal freight hub be that is proposed for this area?
- The proposal calls for a site about 1/2 mile by 1 mile in dimension.
- Since the public education billboards went up in June saying "You Dump It, You Drink It" for New Miami's drinking water protection zone, have there been any calls to the Butler County Storm Water District pollution line given on the billboards for reporting? (Yes.)

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**After the discussion, the committee reviewed the draft objectives and policies for the source water management section of the comprehensive plan and made a few additional suggestions:**

- Under draft Source Water Objective 1, a policy should be added to enable and encourage low impact development.
- Under draft Source Water Policy 1.1, a reference should be added to New Miami.
- Under draft Source Water Objective 3, a policy should be added to seek funding for pollution prevention and remediation.