



## MINUTES

**LAND EVALUATION AND SITE ASSESSMENT (LESA) TECHNICAL ADVISORY WORK GROUP  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007 AT 9:00AM  
OZAUKEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER – AUDITORIUM  
121 WEST MAIN STREET, PORT WASHINGTON**

**Attendees:**

Dale Buser	Northern Environmental
Kenneth Albinger	Farmer & Ozaukee County Farm Bureau
Otto Kohlwey	Farmer
Jim Kadow	Town of Saukville, Chairman
Dan Lynch	Wings over Wisconsin & Retired NRCS
Michelle Lehner	WDNR
Shawn Graff	Ozaukee Washington Land Trust
John D. Pipkorn	Farmer
Betsy Gillen	NRCS
Ben McKay	SEWRPC
Nancy Anderson	SEWRPC
Jeff Bell	PRLM, Ozaukee County
Any Holschbach	PRLM, Ozaukee County
Andrew Struck	PRLM, Ozaukee County
Paul Roback	UW-Extension, Ozaukee County

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Andrew Struck called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM. Andrew Struck welcomed everyone to the third Work Group meeting and thanked them for their time and assistance in the comprehensive planning process and specifically the development of the LESA analysis for identifying agricultural lands within the County. Members present did self-introductions.

### **2. Approval of Minutes (September 28, 2006 & November 1, 2006)**

**A motion was made by Andy Holschbach and seconded by Kenneth Albinger to approve the September 26, 2006 & November 1, 2006 minutes as written. All present voting aye, the motion carried unanimously.**

### **3. Discussion and Potential Action on the Selection, Scaling and Weighting of Site Assessment Criteria for LESA**

Andrew Struck commented that staff revised the scales based on previous Work Group discussions. Staff then added the weights since the last meeting based on Work Group comments and staff discussion. Andrew explained that a weight of .09 was high. A weight of .06 was medium and a weight of .03 was low.

Nancy Anderson provided a detailed overview of each of the GIS maps generated by the Washington County LESA process, which will be very similar to the Ozaukee County LESA analysis. She explained where Ozaukee County had proposed criteria that differed from Washington County and visa versa. The GIS maps provided a clear indication of the results of each criterion in the process (SA-1, SA-2, and SA-3 factors) as well as the sum total resultant from all of the criteria for an end product. The Work Group discussed and asked questions regarding the various GIS maps and criteria.

The Work Group then discussed changes to the scales and weights. The Work Group reached consensus and changed the acres for SA-1 Factors A & B to:

A.	>69 ac	10
	35-69 ac	5
	<35 ac	0

B.	>279 ac	10
	140-279 ac	8
	70-139 ac	4
	<70 ac	0

This change was an effort to be more consistent with the size of contiguous agricultural lands within Ozaukee County as many of the farmland parcels are based on a 35 acre minimum.

**A motion was made by Dale Buser and seconded by Jeff Bell to approve the selection, scaling and weighting of the site assessment criteria for LESA with the changes discussed. All present voting aye, the motion carried unanimously.**

#### **4. Discussion on the "testing" of the GIS Model for LESA against known agricultural parcels in Ozaukee**

Andrew Struck commented that 25 "test" parcels have been selected from around the County by staff and will be presented at the next LESA Technical Advisory Work Group meeting. Nancy Anderson noted that SEWRPC will be generating the same LESA analysis and GIS mapping for Ozaukee County as was presented for Washington County. She noted that the "test" parcels will be designated on the hardcopy maps for review. In addition, Andrew Struck mentioned that at the next meeting we would have a "live" GIS presentation of the LESA analysis and would be able to view the various "test" parcels. The "test" parcels are intended to span the range of conditions for agricultural land from low to high quality based on the LESA analysis.

#### **5. Next Steps**

Staff will run the LESA analysis for all the agricultural parcels in Ozaukee County, based on the criteria, scaling, and weighting approved today.

Shawn Graff asked whether the LESA analysis could be "tweaked" after the Work Group has the chance to review the results against the "test" parcels. Andrew Struck and Nancy Anderson replied that this would essentially be the purpose of the next LESA Technical Advisory Work Group meeting. The Work Group will be able to review the results and suggest changes to the weighting to fine tune the LESA analysis.

Andrew Struck also mentioned the *Growing Wisconsin* Workshop that was included in the Work Group packets.

#### **6. Next Meeting Date –February 21, 2007 at 1:30 PM**

Andrew Struck noted that this meeting will occur in Room 118 of the Ozaukee County Administration Center instead of at the SEWRPC Offices as was noted in the cover letter and agenda. This was done to allow as many of the members of the Work Group to attend as possible.

#### **7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.