

## RRWC Board Meeting Summary (12/6/07)

**Roll Call/General Business:** George Remias, Donna Childs, Dave Cass, Elva Edger, Lane Kessler, Mark Kolesar, John Miller, Dan Miltner, and Lisa Vavro were present. Minutes from the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved. No treasurer's report due to absence of treasurer. Dan Miltner is still working on obtaining Board of Directors insurance.

**Biddulph Trail Subdivision:** Donna Childs requested that the RRWC use its Issue/Letter Endorsement Policy to recommend against the approval of this proposed subdivision in North Olmsted unless infiltration problems with the existing sanitary sewer in this area are resolved. She will draft a letter for the Board's consideration.

**Watershed Coordinator Update:** (Jared Bartley)

- Interest in the Backyards Buffer Program (which provides saplings to riparian landowners) has been overwhelming. So many property owners responded that additional funding will be needed to supply them all with saplings. Jared is also looking for help in coordinating the distribution of the trees.
- A science teacher (Anne Brokaw) at Rocky River High School has implemented a stream monitoring program along the main branch of the Rocky River, and is interested in partnering with the RRWC. Discussion ensued about the possibilities, which could go beyond stream monitoring and include using student help in updating the RRWC website, or any number of volunteer tasks.
- Jared is working to expand stream monitoring activities into the Baldwin Creek watershed.
- A presentation on oil and gas well drilling issues will be held at the Middleburg Heights Library on January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Opportunity exists for collaboration between the RRWC and the Western Reserve Land Conservancy to provide educational outreach to riparian landowners.

**Nominating Committee:** Both Mark Kolesar and Ivan Hack have volunteered to run for Chair. (George Remias is stepping down.) Seven additional Board positions will be on the election ballot this January. These include Donna Childs, Ivan Hack (if not elected Chair), Lane Kessler, Mark Kolesar (if not elected Chair), Tom Romito, Lisa Vavro, and Mary Wells. That leaves one spot to be filled; hopefully by someone representing a municipality in the watershed.

**Next Meeting:** Board of Trustee elections will be held at our Annual Meeting at 7 P.M. on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 at the Rocky River Nature Center. As guest speaker, Harry Stark from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health will provide a presentation about the 319 Rocky River Implementation Grant, which concluded at the end of 2006.