



Lake Plains
Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.
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Black Creek Watershed Coalition
C/O Ms. Rochelle Bell, Environmental Planner
Monroe County Department of Planning and Development
50 West Main Street, Suite 8100
Rochester, New York 14614

Dear Rochelle:

This is a letter of support for the efforts of the Black Creek Watershed Coalition to develop a comprehensive and sustainable Watershed Management Plan for the Black Creek Watershed. The Lake Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. (Council) passed a resolution to support the Black Creek Watershed Coalition (Coalition) at our Council meeting on April 25, 2002. Since that time our Council and sponsoring organizations (Monroe, Genesee, and Orleans County Soil and Water Conservation Districts) have been active members of the Black Creek Watershed Coalition.

We want to commend the Coalition on the development of the recently completed Black Creek Watershed State of the Basin Report (July 2003). The State of the Basin Report does an excellent job of characterizing the watershed with regards to its unique features, geographical setting and physical or cultural characteristics including topography, geology, vegetation, land uses, water quality, and hydrology. The extensive use of Geographic Information System (GIS) technology in the development of the State of the Basin Report provides a detailed view of the existing resource data, and the ability to update the database in the future. A summary of problems and risks that can affect the future of the Black Creek Watershed is also presented for public consideration.

As the Black Creek Watershed Coalition moves on to the next phase of the project; completion of the Watershed Management Plan, you can count on our active participation in the planning process. We fully support the Coalition's plan to develop a comprehensive and sustainable Watershed Management Plan based on issues, goals and recommendations developed in the State of the Basin Report.

Sincerely;

Don Stribick
Council President

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