

**BO-RIT CAG FUTURE PLANS GROUP MEETING**  
**July 22, 2009**

The Future Plans Group of the Bo-Rit CAG held a meeting on July 22, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association's office. Below is a synopsis of that meeting.

**Attendees:**

Bob Adams	Daniel P. McCormick
Judy Baigis	Sharon McCormick
Sal Boccuti	Beth Pilling
Carol DiPietro	Andrew Salvatore
David Froehlich	Steve Ware
Edythe Marincola	

**Meeting Summary:**

The following agenda items were discussed:

1. Different reuse scenarios.
2. Encouraging local municipalities to meet and discuss common goals for the site.
3. The effect of WACA decision on future plans.
4. Rose Valley & Tannery Run Creeks "Removal Action" solutions.

**Members Comments:**

Listed below is a partial list of member comments/suggestions made on the different subject matters:

**#1 – Different Reuse Scenarios:**

- Public Access is a priority
- Wildlife Preserve
- Concrete Filtering Bed for storm water
- Parking Lot and Sky Tram
- Municipal buildings and service center
- Asbestos Museum
- Elevated Walking Trail / Observation Area

**#2 – Regional Planning by Local Municipalities:**

- A breakfast meeting of the different municipalities was held approximately a year ago with regard to inter-municipality cooperation. Follow up meetings were discussed but never occurred. A Future Plans Group member has volunteered

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to contact the Ambler Borough Manager in an effort to get the meetings going again.

- The CAG needs to give the municipalities a reason to meet.
- Discussion of a “full parcel release” verbal agreement among the municipalities might be a reason for meeting. It could be a “gentlemen’s agreement”, sealed by no more than a handshake, to show solidarity among the different communities with respect to the remediation solution.
- CAG members should encourage their respective municipalities to use a regional approach to the Bo-Rit remediation solution.

### **#3 – Effect of WACA Decision on Future Plans:**

- Should not affect our plans.

### **#4 – Rose Valley & Tannery Run Creeks Removal Action Solution:**

- Query the EPA about the permanence of the removal actions.
- There is a concern about the possible erosion of the west side of the Wissahickon creek due to the velocity of water exiting the Tannery Run culvert.
- The first 200’± of the Rose Valley Creek solution will be a wall of the same type design used to repair the creek at Ridge Avenue a while ago. It failed during a storm shortly after its installation.
- The solutions should be temporary ones, lasting two or three years, which get the visible asbestos problem under control ASAP, and then allow the Remediation Action to apply permanent fixes.
- The solutions should not impede the Remediation Action in any way.

### **Recommendations:**

The FPG members agreed to make the following recommendations to the full CAG:

1. **Different Re-Use Scenarios:** The CAG should communicate to the EPA that any re-use scenario which does not include public access, and is not aesthetically pleasing, is not acceptable. This applies as much to any type of fencing and signing that would be deemed necessary, as it does to the site itself.
2. **Regional Planning by Local Municipalities:** The CAG should encourage its members to communicate with their local municipalities in this regard. A discussion about “common ground” subjects by the entire CAG might be beneficial.
3. **Effect of WACA Decision on Future Plans:** N/A

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4. **Rose Valley & Tannery Run Creeks Removal Action Solution:** The CAG should discuss the permanence of the removal action solution with the EPA.

Respectfully submitted,

Salvatore A. Boccuti  
Chairperson

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