

Residential Workgroup
Wednesday, March 25, 2009
11:15 AM to 12:15 PM

Individuals Present:

BIG Liaison – Marilyn Christian (HCPHES-EPH); Nancy Sullins (AECOM); Steven Johnston (GBEP/TCEQ);
Ericka McCauley (GBEP/TCEQ); Linda Broach (TCEQ); Trent Martin (HC); Mary Purzer by phone (AECOM)

H-GAC Staff Present:

Rachel Powers; Erin Anderson

Discussion

Rachel briefly gave some background on the prior discussions of the workgroup. In summary there are a handful of existing programs that are quite good, but which could/should be expanded.

There was a question about the water conservation discussion at the last meeting, and how cities would not be inclined to promote water conservation. Discussion also included water rates, revenues, neighborhood protection ordinances, and deed restrictions and how they can make water conservation activities difficult.

We would want to target developers who are drafting deed restrictions.

There was then a discussion about FOG and its importance.

Rachel introduced the topic of private lateral maintenance—individual homeowners are not aware of them and/or of the maintenance required for them.

The recommendation of the group is to encourage Harris County to expand its program beyond MS4-permitted communities to non-regulated BIG communities, to identify a means to encourage those communities to participate. It was suggested that Harris County should form an advisory committee of communities that buy-in to the Harris County public education program or have their own programs.

Next meeting:

At this time, no meeting has been scheduled.

Tasks:

Talk to Harris County, check EPA's website regarding private laterals.