

## **Scoping Team Report to the Boardman River Dams Committee- January 22, 2008**

**Overview:** The Engineering and Feasibility Study is being addressed on a “Task Order” basis whereby the consultant team periodically receives a Scope of Work pertaining to specific elements of the study. Last month, thanks to support from Grand Traverse County, funds became available to address the following:

- Completion of the socio-economics analysis component of “existing conditions”
- Completion of the cultural analysis component of “existing conditions”
- Engineering analysis of the condition of Boardman Dam
- Evaluation of sediment quality based upon existing data
- Continued support to the BRDC and its various teams

The consultant team submitted a preliminary Scope of Work in mid December 2007 and, at its December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Scoping Team reviewed the draft and offered an extensive series of comments. Those comments were addressed in a refined draft that was subsequently reviewed by the Finance Team at its January 14, 2008 meeting. Minor comments from that meeting, coupled with those received during a second review by the Scoping Team, were incorporated and both teams approved the draft Scope of Work for consideration/ approval by the Boardman River Dams Committee (BRDC.)

**Recommendation:** The Scoping Team recommends that the BRDC approve the Scope of Work as presented and authorize the consulting team to immediately initiate work associated with the five primary tasks.

**Rationale:** The Scope of Work for these several tasks is responsive to the goals and objectives of the Engineering and Feasibility Study, and the interests of the BRDC as reflected in the overall project Scope of Work. Prompt initiation and timely completion of this work is essential to the successful completion of the study and the development of recommendations on dams disposition for consideration by the City and County.