



Meeting Minutes

Meeting date/place: Nov. 28, 2007 at 2:00 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland, 10 Patriot Hills Drive, Stony Point, NY 10980

Present: Joe Corless (Pomona & West Haverstraw), Mary Hegarty (SWCD), Doris Ulman (Chestnut Ridge & Pomona), Ted Dzurinko & Mike Sadowski (Ramapo), Joe Caruso (Haverstraw), Wayne Ballard (Clarkstown), James Dean (Orangetown), Luke Kalarickal (Clarkstown), Jackie Bubenko (Stony Point), Jeff Geller & Paul Trader (CCE)

1. Consortium Updates

- a. MOU (on website for download) 6 Signatures from 14 MS4s have been received; MOUs still unsigned include the Town of Haverstraw & Village of Wesley Hills
- b. Intermunicipal Agreements (on website for download) 6 signatures from 14 MS4s have been received; Agreements still unsigned include the villages of Haverstraw and Wesley Hills.
- c. All MS4s must review and approve their SWPPPs before the NYS-DEC does so.
- d. The deadline for commenting on the Draft Permit is December 10. Mary will draft comments on behalf of the Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) and send them to Jeff to email to Consortium members for review. Comments should be submitted to Jeff by January 7 so he can submit them by the DEC deadline. The group suggested that one comment should reflect frustration with having towns and villages approve SWPPPs, particularly due to costs involved.
- e. Jim asked that someone from the DEC be invited to come to Rockland (after January 8) to meet with the MS4s to explain how reporting should be done.

2. MS4 Annual Reports

- a. These reports are due to the NYS-DEC in June, 2008. Mike noted that the cutoff date to complete the tasks is January 8 (rather than March). At minimum, all outfalls must be mapped and field-verified.
- b. Jeff asked whether or not the Consortium could submit one comprehensive annual report for all 16 MS4s; the group felt that this could be done for Minimum Control Measures 1 and 2 but that it would be difficult to do for the remaining MCMs. In addition, each MS4 has a different NOI. Mary noted that Monroe County tried to do this but the DEC instructed the county to keep all reports separate and not submit one comprehensive report.

3. SPDES General Permit Update

- a. Comment period and changes (handout) <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8694.html>
- b. According to the NYS-DEC updated permit, Jeff noted that there are still no 303D listed sites or TMDL watershed in Rockland County.



- c. In regard to page 3, MCM #1, Mary noted that the SWCD hired a consultant to obtain baseline data on stream water quality; information may be found on the Hudson River Basin Watch website <http://www.hudsonbasin.org/Bioassessmentreports.htm>

4. Administering Round 8 & Round 9 Grants – a total of \$944,000

- a. Comments on RFP prepared by the SWCD:
 - Jim explained that an RFP was developed in order to hire a consultant (with an engineering background and familiar with NYS-DEC procedures) to administer the grant. This consultant would be hired by the SWCD. Jim noted that potential bidders were excluded from the group that wrote the RFP in order to allow them to bid, if they desired to do so.
 - Jim and Mary received an extension from the NYS-DEC to complete this work after the January 2008 deadline.
 - The group would like to hold a pre-bid, informational meeting the second week in January.
 - The group noted that the phrasing of Section 5.3 regarding SEQR requirements needs to be reworked to state that the consultant be responsible for collecting and submitting the information, not writing it.
 - The following question was raised: *Can MS4s claim reimbursement for work done prior to January 2006?*
 - The SWCD will send this RFP out to bid on BidNet (used by the County).

5. Education and Outreach

- a. The *Erosion Control Brochure* and Public Service Announcements are available on the following website: <http://www.rocklandcce.org/stormwater.htm>. Please let Jeff know of any suggested changes/corrections to the brochure.
- b. Jeff is working with Barbara Kendall of the DEC to find the best way to educate the planning and zoning boards in each municipality. It was suggested that this be done through the RC Municipal Planning Federation, possibly at their annual meeting in March which is very well attended. This will also allow attendees to obtain continuing education credits. It would be helpful to develop an abbreviated summary of the highlights of each law (Illicit Discharge; Erosion Control).

6. Training:

- a. There are CDs available from Jeff Geller and through the American Public Works Association (see Jim Dean) that can be used for employee training.
- b. Jeff noted that he has been conducting water resources and stormwater runoff training classes for youth in the county and will be able to provide that information for annual reports.

7. **Next Meeting:** It was suggested that the Consortium hold regular meetings starting in February 2008, after the consultant is hired.