

Stormwater Consortium of Rockland County Meeting Minutes

Date/Place: April 18, 2007 at 2 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension, Stony Point, NY

Present: Luke Kalarickal (Clarkstown), Ted Dzurinko (Ramapo), Doris Ulman (Pomona), James Dean (Orangetown), Marie Lorenzini (Nyack), Mary Hegarty (SWCD), Mike Sadowsky (Ramapo), Mayor Lawrence Dessau (New Hempstead), Joe Caruso (Haverstraw), Jackie Bubenko (Stony Point), Mayor Robert Frankl (Wesley Hills), Jeff Geller & Paul Trader (CCE)

1. Consortium Updates:

- A. Copies of MOUs are still needed from Town of Haverstraw, Orangetown, Villages of Nyack and Wesley Hills.
- B. Copies of signed Intermunicipal Agreements are needed from the Villages of Haverstraw, Nyack, and Wesley Hills.
- C. Each document is available for download on the newly designed stormwater webpage (<http://www.rocklandcce.org/consortium.htm>).

2. Sample Local Laws:

- A. Seven MS4s have adopted the Illicit Discharge Detection/Elimination ordinance; 1 is pending (in process); 2 have not adopted it yet.
- B. Two MS4s have adopted the Erosion & Sediment Control ordinance; 5 are pending; 3 have not yet adopted it.
- C. The committee suggested that each MS4 send a copy of the ordinance to Jeff once it is adopted. In addition, it suggested that Jeff send a letter to the mayor/supervisor of each MS4 to encourage adoption of the local laws and submitting their MOUs and Intermunicipal Agreements. Each law is available for download on the newly designed stormwater webpage. (<http://www.rocklandcce.org/consortium.htm>.)

3. Annual Reports:

- A. Jeff reviewed a summary of education and outreach efforts that he oversaw or helped to coordinate; likewise, Mary distributed a similar list of activities sponsored by the Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Water Quality Committee that could be claimed in the annual reports of participating MS4s. Jeff will e-mail this summary to all MS4s for use in their annual reports with a blank copy of the annual report form.
- B. Mike asked for clarification in completing pages 9-10 of the Annual Reports, which are due June 1st for year 4. The Year 5 annual reports are due in the end of January 2008. Gap analysis is only needed when an MS4 is revising an existing law; it is not needed if the MS4 is simply creating/adopting a new law.

- C. The question was raised: How should enforcement be demonstrated in the annual reports? Most MS4s designated their respective stormwater management officer (SMOs) in town/village board resolution. The committee suggested that Jeff collect documentation of these resolutions from all participating MS4s. A municipal employee can serve as the SMO and not a contract employee. The consultant engineer can give recommendations to the SMO.
4. Round 8 and 9 Grants; Drafting Work Plans:
- A. Mary reported that she spoke with Natalie Brown of the DEC recently about the grants and workplan. Natalie suggested that we use the *2004 Work Plan* form for the coming year's plan. She also informed Mary that the MS4s can recoup costs from past years in the Round 8 grant appropriation.
- B. A Work Plan subcommittee will meet on May 9th at 2:00 pm at CCE. Jeff, Mary, Doris, Jackie, Luke, Joe, James and someone from Ramapo will serve on the committee to draft the work plans that will cover Rounds 8 and 9 grants. Jeff will provide committee members with copies of both grants and the sample workplan form.
5. Education and Outreach:
- A. Stormwater website: Jeff showed the Stormwater webpage which is hosted on the CCE website. He asked committee members to review it and offer any suggestions for improvement; he also asked them to consider linking to their municipal website. All forms, agreements and ordinances related to the work of the Stormwater Consortium are posted to the site (<http://www.rocklandcce.org/stormwater.htm>). Mary will send Jeff links to the County's website which features information related to the recent floods.
- B. MS4 Trainings: Jeff will be scheduling a training for municipal employees in each town in the near future. Villages will be invited to the Town trainings.
- C. New brochures: Jeff asked for ideas for new outreach materials that might be needed by MS4s in the coming year. The committee suggested that a new brochure be created for code enforcers, developer and contractors to help them recognize good and bad BMPs. They should be distributed through building departments etc. Mary noted that such brochures may be available through the DEC and other sources. The committee suggested created a new brochure with local information and pictures. Brochures can be designed by CCE and sent, electronically, to MS4s who will then reprint them as needed.
- D. Public Service Announcements (PSAs) on roadsalt and household hazardous waste were submitted to local radio and cable tv stations this winter. The committee suggested that future PSAs focus on litter; they should be sent to all local radio (WRCR, WHUD, WFAS, County emergency station), channel 12 news, civic and

municipal newsletters, O&R bills, United Water bills; consider publishing PSAs in Spanish and Yiddish. The committee also suggested working with KRB to either put an anti-littering sign on the wall outside the drive-thru windows in fast-food restaurants, for the drive-thru-public to see; or an anti-littering coupon to be given to each customer.

- E. Stormwater Symposium: The committee felt that smaller, local seminars would be better attended by the public, rather than a large, countywide symposium. In addition, training should be offered to individual planning boards or a meeting of all the planning boards through the Rockland County Municipal Planning Federation, or town-by-town (with invites to the respective village town boards). It should include topics such as *What does the Soil & Erosion Control Ordinance mean, and how can we enforce it?* Trainings should be held on the same night, just prior to each planning board meeting in order to make most efficient use of time for the board members.
 - F. SWCD Activities: Mary reported that the SWCD and Hudson Basin River Watch sponsored a training for volunteer stream monitoring in order to collect baseline data on stream health; 25 people attended and 20 are on a waiting list. The SWCD is asking that towns contribute to the funding that supports this program. They anticipate that 20 sites will be monitored in Rockland.
6. Other topics:
- A. County comprehensive drainage plan update. Luke indicated that all 5 towns are working together and completed the request for proposal (RFP).
 - B. Mayor Frankl noted that his village has several dam/bridge/culvert sites in need of repair or reconstruction; he is seeking additional funds for these projects. The sites are located on private property but may be within a county regulated stream. The group agreed that this concern should be discussed at a future meeting. The question arose: *Can a village form a drainage district?* Mary will investigate this question.
 - C. The group agreed that a cleanup conducted by a private firm may be included in the annual reports.