

Stormwater Consortium of Rockland County

Meeting Minutes

Date/Place: September 20, 2006 – 2:00 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland

Present: Werner Mueller and Dave Foltz (HDR/LMS), Alan Bartley (Piermont), Ted Dzurinko (Ramapo), Luke Kalarickal (Clarkstown); Keith Armstrong and Frank Fleisher (Rockland County Drainage Agency), Joe Corless (Pomona, W. Haverstraw), Jackie Bubenko and Tom Purvis (Stony Point), Mary Hegarty (RCSWCD), James Dean (Orangetown), Jeff Geller and Paul Trader (CCE).

1. **Introductions:** Jeff Geller called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm. Consortium members, SWCD and guests were introduced.
2. **MOUs and IAs:** Jeff reminded members to sign and submit their Memorandum of Understand (MOU) and Intermunicipal Agreements (IA).
 - A. Signed MOUs are needed from the Towns of Haverstraw, Orangetown, Ramapo and Stony Point in addition to the Villages of Montebello, Nyack, South Nyack, Upper Nyack, West Haverstraw and Wesley Hills.
 - B. Intermunicipal agreements are still needed from the Towns of Orangetown, Ramapo and Stony Point in addition to the Villages of Haverstraw, Montebello, Nyack, Upper Nyack, and Wesley Hills.
 - C. Jeff will contact all MS4s who must still submit these forms. It was clarified that signatures are required from all MS4s to officially formalize the consortium and qualify for grant funding.
3. **Round 8 Grant:** Dave Foltz reminded members that matching funds (in-kind) are required from all 16 participating MS4s. In total, our Consortium must show \$344,000 in in-kind costs in order to obtain the DEC grant funds. It will be administered by the Rockland County Soil & Water Conservation District. Mary Hegarty will clarify instructions with the DEC and then provide MS4s with instructions on how to document the in-kind match and how to invoice. Mary has contacted Natalie Brown (DEC) to determine if a deadline has been set for obtaining the Round 8 grant funding.
 - Each MS4 could eventually obtain up to \$21,500 from this grant for three purposes: up to \$9,000 per MS4 for adoption and implementation of local laws; up to \$5,000 per MS4 for projects leading to the legal adoption of funding mechanisms and up to \$7,500 for other miscellaneous activities to meet permit requirements (and activities that go beyond permit requirements).
4. **Round 9 Grant:** Application deadline is Oct. 20th. Jeff asked for ideas as to projects that could be addressed through this grant. Funding is available for implementing Phase 2 Stormwater permits, non-ag nonpoint source abatement, water quality management, wastewater treatment improvements, and aquatic habitat restoration projects. The group agreed to apply for Round 9 funds. A subcommittee was formed to work on it, including: Dave Foltz, Jim Dean, Ted Dzurinko, Joe Corless and Jeff Geller. The SWCD is not staffed to administer the Round 9 grant. Jim Dean, the SWCD Board and CCE will explore other

ways to administer the Round 9 grant. The Round 9 grant subcommittee will meet on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 2:00 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension.

5. MS4 Updates:

- A. *Town of Orangetown*: Plans to bring all three ordinances to the Town Board at once. They will be asking that a portion of the code is dedicated to stormwater. They hope to have it completed by the end of October.
- B. *Village of Piermont*: Adopted the model Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) ordinance. They have started a storm drain system assessment and analysis but do not have a timeline for completion.
- C. *Village of Pomona and West Haverstraw*: Adopted the IDDE earlier this year and are approximately 50 percent complete with mapping.
- D. *Town of Clarkstown*: Adopted the IDDE ordinance and started to map outfalls.
- E. *Town of Ramapo*: Adopted the IDDE ordinance in March and has mapped about 99% of outfalls, inlets, catch basins and storm drains for most of the town except Spring Valley and Suffern. Ramapo purchased software programs from GBA Master Series to map outfalls and are quite satisfied with it. They started storm drain marking at Lake Lucille this summer, using volunteers from RSVP. In regard to the IDDE ordinance and Erosion & Sediment Control ordinances; each MS4 must identify the Stormwater Management Officer (SMO) which must be a municipal employee (not a contract employee).
- F. *Stony Point*: Recently filed the Year 2 and 3 annual reports with the DEC; In the process of reviewing the IDDE and Erosion & Sediment Control ordinances for adoption. No work has been done yet to map storm drains or outfalls.
- G. *RC Drainage Agency*: Their staff is in the process of mapping outfalls. No updates on ordinances or the Rockland County watershed assessment.
- H. *SWCD*: The County can not adopt a countywide IDDE or Erosion & Sediment Control ordinance, but will ensure that those procedures are followed in all county projects.

6. **Erosion & Sediment Control Local Law:** The subcommittee met and completed the Erosion & Sediment Control draft which Jeff distributed for review. He will send it to the DEC for final review and comment. Mary expressed concern that this law does not address erosion and sediment control on parcels of land less than one acre in size. However, each MS4 may make the ordinance more stringent and have the option of making this ordinance apply to proposed developments less than one acre in size. See Article 2, Section 1 definition on “Land Development Activity,” which explains this option to the MS4. On the other hand, there is a benefit of consistency to all MS4s adopting the same ordinance.

7. **Scheduled Seminars and Conferences:** Jeff highlighted several events scheduled for the near future, including:

- A. Stormwater Inspection Workshop – Sept. 26 at Fire Training Center
- B. Snow & Ice Removal Seminar – Sept. 27 at Palisades Mall
- C. Erosion & Sediment Control Workshop – Oct. 3 in White Plains
- D. Southeast NY Stormwater Conference & Trade Show – Oct. 17, Dutchess Manor, Beacon
- E. NYS Floodplain and Stormwater Managers’ Assn. – conference from Sept. 31 – Oct. 1 in Saratoga Springs; Jeff will e-mail a notice of this conference to Consortium members.

8. **Planning Future Trainings:** Jeff asked who would like to join focus groups to help identify topics for winter seminars/trainings:
 - A. Planning & Zoning Board Workshop/Training – Jeff asked the Rockland County Planning Department (Arlene Miller) to cosponsor this event, John Giardello (Town of Orangetown) will contact CCE, and Ted (Ramapo) will talk to his staff to generate ideas for topics.
 - B. Stormwater Symposium – Ted (Ramapo) suggested that all municipalities receive a list of builders and developers (available from the building department) in order to contact them to attend this seminar. Suggested topics include an overview of MS4 program, field demonstrations (e.g. how to install a silt fence, how to read erosion control plans, how to instruct workers in what to do, understanding SWPPPs etc.). Jeff will talk with the DEC to provide input into the agenda, and offer ideas to encourage participation.
9. **Stormwater Website:** Jeff discussed the idea of developing a Stormwater website to enhance public outreach and education; the group was in support of the idea but it must be discussed in more detail to determine who will develop and host the site; Werner and Dave offered to explore ideas about a logo for the consortium to use on the website and other public outreach materials.
10. **Roster of Consortium Members:** Jim asked for a list of contacts/representatives for each MS4. Jeff will organize and send out a roster.
11. **Next meeting date:** Thursday, Nov. 16 at 2:00 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 10 Patriot Hills Drive, Stony Point, NY.