



Stormwater Consortium Meeting Notes

Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 2:00 pm

Cornell Cooperative Extension, 10 Patriot Hills Drive, Stony Point, NY 10980

1. **Welcome and introductions:** Members present were Mary Hegarty, Mike Sadowski, Frank Fleischer, Jim Dean, Joseph Caruso, Luke Kalarickal, Kevin Fitzpatrick, P. Joe Corless, Doris Ulman, Eve Mancuso, Paul Trader

2. **Work Plan Review:** Kevin Fitzpatrick (*Greater Hudson Valley Engineering & Land Surveying, P.C.*) reviewed the Work Plan and answered questions. He reported that the Work Plan submitted to the DEC was similar to the Round 8 and 9 grant applications. He reviewed the project schedule as shown on page 11 of the Work Plan.
 - A. The Work Plan and the Rounds 8 and 9 applications are on the Cooperative Extension website (<http://www.rocklandcce.org/consortium.htm>).

 - B. Kevin noted that Natalie Brown from the NYS-DEC approved of the Stormwater Consortium moving funds from one line to another within the grant budget as long as it does not exceed 10% of that initial line item. To move anything above that 10% amount, a letter of request should be sent to the NYS-DEC asking permission to do so.

 - C. Joe Corless suggested that the Project Schedule show the amount of money to be awarded to MS4s for each item on the chart; Mary and Kevin will work on this.

 - D. Mike asked how the DEC will determine which MS4s have completed specific tasks in order to determine how much money should be distributed to each MS4. Doris suggested that each MS4 start collecting those records that would qualify it for funding that has already been approved by the DEC. Kevin will provide a form/format to track this information.

 - E. Kevin agreed to send a letter to the other MS4s not in attendance at this meeting, advising them of the information needed, and the fact that their attendance at these meetings is vital. It was suggested that he also notify the SMO in each MS4.

 - F. James Dean suggested that we complete the organization of the Consortium, which includes the creation of an executive board.

 - G. Paul should provide Kevin with an email list of those people who are receiving notices of the Consortium meetings. Kevin will also meet with Mary to review the list of key personnel for each MS4, as listed on pages 8-9 in the Work Plan.

 - H. Mike questioned whether the NYS-DEC had changed the dates of the reporting period; Paul will contact the DEC for clarification.

3. **Educational Programs:** Paul explained that Cornell Cooperative Extension has regrettably not been able to provide educational programs for the past six months due to the resignation of their environmental educator. As a result, CCE will not be issuing educational contracts for the current year and will not be charging the usual fee to the MS4s for educational programs. However, CCE still intends to conduct educational programs for MS4s so that they can include it in their 2008-09 annual reports to the NYS-DEC. He will send a letter of explanation to the mayors, supervisors and the MS4 contacts in each participating municipality. Tentative CCE trainings planned for 2009 are:

SEMINAR TOPICS	AUDIENCE
Property Management Near Streams & Ponds <i>or</i> Solving Drainage Problems Around Your Home Home & Yard Care	Home- and property-owners adjacent to water bodies CCE gardening classes, Gardener's Day (4/18/8)
Complying with Stormwater Management Guidelines <i>(requirements, permits, pollutants, catch-basins, leaves, debris, etc.)</i>	Site contractors, landscapers, commercial property owners <i>(possibly in collaboration with the Professional Landscape Association of Rockland County)</i> Also – repeat the training for MS4 employees during a daytime session.
What to Look for in a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan	Planning & zoning board members; Town boards; inspectors <i>(An evening class in collaboration with the Rockland County Municipal Planning Federation)</i>
News Releases and PSAs	To be published in all local newspapers, 30-second PSAs submitted to local radio and cable tv stations

5. **2009 CONSORTIUM MEETING DATES:** The group agreed to meet monthly at 2:00 pm at CCE (generally the third Tuesday of each month): January 20, Feb. 24, March 24, April 21, May 19, June 16.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm. Meeting notes submitted by Paul Trader, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland