

Stormwater Consortium Meeting Notes

September 25, 2008 – 2:00 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland

PRESENT: Luke Kalarickal, Joe Caruso, Mike Sadowski, Ted Dzurinko, Joe Corless, Tom Vanderbeek, Frank Fleisher, Jim Dean, Mary Hegarty, Natalie Brown, Paul Trader

1. **VACANT POSITION:** Paul explained that Jeff Geller, environmental educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension, has resigned and CCE is advertising for a replacement. It will likely be December before the position is filled. Anyone knowing of a possible candidate should refer that person to Paul Trader at CCE at 845-429-7085 ext. 107 or pwt2@cornell.edu.
2. **CONSORTIUM:** Paul noted that he has received the MOUs and Inter-municipal Agreements from all MS4s participating in the Stormwater Consortium, with the exception of Wesley Hills.
3. **PRESENTATION ON MS4 PERMIT:** Natalie Brown of the NYS-DEC gave a presentation on the MS4 Permit. Notes from that presentation are in a separate Power Point document provided by Natalie; it should be reviewed by all MS4s, as it contains new information and requirements. Highlights ...
 - A. Natalie distributed two items:
 - SPEDS No: GP-0-08-002 -- Notice of Program Evaluation
 - NYS-DEC Division of Water: Pilot MS4 Audit report for SPEDS General Permit GP-0-08-002
 - B. She suggested that MS4s review the MS4 Toolbox at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8695.html>
 - C. New requirement: Stormwater Management plan for each MS4 must be available to the general public.
 - D. 2008 annual report format is same as 2007 format report
 - E. It is simply a suggestion, not a requirement, that each MS4 form a stormwater district.
 - F. A new requirement in the permit: Construction site operators (for sites one acre or larger) are required to have four hours of training every three years.
 - G. Natalie noted that the DEC expects to issue an RFP for Round 10 grants later this year.
4. **SUGGESTIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:**
 - A. It was suggested that the DEC sponsor a workshop on what to expect during an inspection.
 - B. CCE should consider offering classes for ...
 - 1) the general public on stream management; preventing debris in storm drains; keeping pesticides, fertilizers and grass clippings out of storm drains; proper use of road salt
 - 2) municipal employees in facility maintenance. Consider using instructional DVDs, and offering any classes in January, February or March.
 - 3) commercial property owners: what to expect from your contractors
 - 4) site contractors; hold classes in January, February or March
 - 5) landscapers – on catch basins, fertilizers, pesticides, landscape debris, hazardous waste; also offer this class in Spanish
 - 6) Also put PSAs on cable, radio and public access channels.
5. **SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SWCD):**
 - A. Jim noted that no money has been received/spent by the SWCD in regard to Round 8 & 9 DEC grants.
 - B. The SWCD hired a consultant (Tom Vanderbeek, PE., Greater Hudson Valley Engineering & Land Surveying, Suffern) to manage the project and meet the necessary criteria to fulfill Round 8 & 9 grants.
 - C. Jackie Bubenko has been collecting information from the MS4s and is still in need of copies of adopted MS4 laws from Chestnut Ridge, Nyack, South Nyack, Upper Nyack, Wesley Hills and Suffern. In addition, she needs a copy of the Erosion Control Local Law from Haverstraw & Piermont.
 - D. The Work Plan will be posted on the SWCD website.
6. **NEXT MEETINGS:** (all at 2:00 pm at CCE) – October 28, November 25, December 16, 2008