

Stormwater Coalition of Tompkins County

August 21, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Developing a 2014 budget for the coalition was discussed. Coalition members asked Angel to develop a 2014 budget showing proposed expenditures, proposed member contributions, and proposed activities.

The wetlands mapping project and contract were discussed. Cayuga Lake Watershed Network will hold the contract and contribute \$2,500 toward the project cost. TCSWCD will contribute the remaining \$2,500. Ownership of data was discussed and coalition members agreed that the stormwater coalition should be the owner of the data. There was discussion about the data being uploaded to the County GIS system and TCSWCD having a copy.

The new publication "Evaluating and Conserving Green Infrastructure Across the Landscape: A Practitioner's Guide -New York Edition" was discussed. Angel ordered a DVD copy of the publication and brought it to the meeting for any coalition member to take.

Angel asked coalition members for their input on the coalition website and provided information on her progress. There was no input as this time.

WQIP Round 11 funding was discussed. Coalition members were asked if they had any projects in mind that we could apply for funding for. Angel also discussed possibly having Dr. Rebecca Schneider come talk at one our meetings regarding her road ditch research and possibly collaborating on a green infrastructure project.

In regards to education and outreach, the coalition agreed to host a construction site inspection training in October. Angel will contact the Town of Lansing to see if they have a room available for the end of October. Once a date is confirmed, Ellen Hahn will complete the necessary paperwork to offer code enforcement officer credits.

Hosting another Green Infrastructure Tour this fall was discussed, however, it was decided that we would wait until the Spring of 2014.

The article published on the coalition in Finger Lakes Community Newspaper was distributed for coalition members to review. Publishing an ad in local newspaper was further discussed and members agreed to wait until the spring to publish an ad. Angel will work with Ryan Sherry on finalizing an ad and on a brochure for the coalition.

The Excal Visual Training DVDs have arrived. We have two DVDs, one addresses stormwater pollution prevention for MS4s and the other address illicit discharge detection and elimination. Angel will be holding on to the DVDs. If you would like to sign out the DVDs for staff training, please let Angel know.

Josh Bogdon discussed a potential flood inundation mapping project that may be taking place. If the project moves forward, flood inundation mapping would be completed for the entire County. The cost of the project includes the necessary software (\$8,000) and the staff time. When a quorum is present, funding for this project may requested.

**The next coalition meeting is scheduled for October 16th at 1 pm at the Town of Ithaca DPW.

Angel will be out on maternity leave most likely from the end of September through mid-November. Please let Angel know if you are willing to chair the October meeting and we can discuss an agenda when the date gets closer. I will be checking email while I'm out in case there is anything urgent I need to address.