

Stormwater Coalition of Tompkins County

Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2015

Attendees: Barry Goodrich, John Lampman, Darby Kiley, Lynn Leopold, Marty Moseley, Dave Sprout, Scott Gibson, Creig Hebdon

Angel passed around the schedule of classes for the 2015 NYS Conservation District Employee Association Water Quality Symposium. The classes are open to people outside of the conservation districts, so if anyone is interested in attending Angel can provide the registration information.

The new SPDES General Permit for stormwater discharges from construction activity was discussed. Angel passed around the NYSDEC factsheet summarizing the permit changes. Coalition members discussed the major changes in the permit, including changes in rainfall data and how to deal with projects that are currently under review. Creig Hebdon clarified that if a project and associated SWPPP has been approved by the municipality, that project will be covered under the current permit (GP-0-10-002). If a project does not receive approval by January 29th then they will be required to develop a SWPPP in accordance with the new permit (GP-0-15-002).

Angel reviewed the draft SWMP Plan that she developed after meeting with Julie Melacon from DEC. Input was needed to set measurable goals for MCM 1 and 2. The number of 4-hour Erosion and Sediment Control training to be held each year was set at two (2), stormwater trainings for coalition members and municipal staff was set to two (2), and Floating Classroom targets will be more board stating that municipalities will continue to support the Floating Classroom through the IO.

Angel discussed the options available for completing sewershed mapping for the interested municipalities. A very basic delineation of subwatersheds using the LIDAR data could be completed or ArcHydro could be used along with the outfall data to map the subwatersheds in ArcGIS. Creig Hebdon stressed the importance of field checking the sewersheds and making modifications based on field conditions. Coalition members like the idea of using ArcHydro to be used as the first step in delineating the sewersheds. To fund sewershed mapping, the coalition asked that Angel apply for funding through WQIP should it come available this year.

The 4-Hour Erosion and Sediment Control trainings were discussed. Angel asked for input on when to hold the trainings. The coalition agreed to holding one in late March/early April and one in October. Angel will work on getting these classes scheduled.

Angel reminded coalition members that the NYS Stormwater Management Design Manual Training with John Dunkle is next Tuesday from 9am – 1pm at the Cayuga Heights Fire Department.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 18th at 1:30 at the Town of Ithaca DPW.

***Good Housekeeping/IDDE Video is available for use by municipalities. Let me know if you would like to borrow the videos!