

## Stormwater Coalition of Tompkins County

### Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2014 (1:30 PM – 3:00 PM)

Attendees: Tom Johnson, Linda Aarismaa, Barry Goodrich, Brent Cross, Jon Negley, Angel Hinickle, Darby Kiley, Creig Hebdon, Lynn Leopold, Ryan Sherry, Marty Moseley, Josh Bogdon, David Sprout

Angel and Jon discussed the status of the excess WQIP funds that were received by the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District upon closeout of WQIP rounds 6, 7, 8, and 9. Excess funds were received from rounds 7, 8, and 9 due to the high amount of match that was provided. A total of \$47,920.62 was paid in excess of what was owed to the participating municipalities. \$16,368.74 of those funds was used to cover the shortfall in Round 6, leaving \$31,551.88. The verbal agreement was that these additional funds of \$31,551.88 would be used by the coalition for stormwater projects. Due to re-organization of the District accounting procedures and debt repayment to New York State, the District is no longer in a position to supply these funds to the Stormwater Coalition through the excess WQIP grant funds. In order to rectify the situation, TCSWCD discussed the ability to reallocate funds from FL-LOWPA, at an amount of approximately \$2,000-\$4,000 a year, to fund stormwater related projects that the coalition is interested in implementing. Coalition members asked Angel to go through the work plans developed for these grants and determine what components were accomplished and what components weren't. The coalition members also requested that Angel speak with DEC and obtain confirmation that the municipalities involved in the coalition will not be held liable for these funds or be required to complete work as a result.

Angel discussed holding the NYSDEC 4-hour contractor trainings and requested input from coalition members on dates and locations. Brent Cross mentioned that a training could be held at Cayuga Heights Fire Department and David Sprout said Dryden Fire Department is also an option. Angel will call both these locations and determine availability and cost.

Three municipalities are being audited this year by NYSDEC. Coalition members from those municipalities being audited asked questions about the audit process and the SWMP Plan.

Brent Cross provided an update on the Cayuga Lake TMDL. The model is slated to be completed in 2015 and if a TMDL is implemented for the lake it could mean that MS4s discharging to the lake will have to conduct monitoring and reporting.

There was a resolution to renew the contract between the Stormwater Coalition and Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Angel discussed the availability of webcasts through the EPA and the Center for Watershed Protection. Angel asked coalition members if they would be interested in setting up trainings, workshops, or a

conference. Coalition members expressed interest in having someone come speak about green infrastructure, particularly porous pavement and its use in New York. Angel will reach out the Save the Rain Program in Syracuse and obtain information/costs on getting someone to come speak about this.

The next coalition meeting is scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at the Town of Ithaca DPW.