

# Stormwater Coalition of Tompkins County

## Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2014

**Attendees:** Ryan Sherry, Barry Goodrich, Creig Hebdon, Lynn Leopold, Tom Johnson, Marty Moseley, Angel Hinickle

Angel reviewed the WQIP Round 6 and Round 7, 8, and 9 work plans to determine which tasks were not completed. A bulleted list of uncompleted tasks was circulated to the group. Coalition members briefly reviewed the list and commented on some of the tasks that were completed. Coalition members will continue to review list and determine which tasks are still of interest to the group.

Marty reported on the Village of Lansing DEC audit. Overall the audit went well and he stressed the importance of SWMP Plan and . Cayuga Heights and Dryden are also being audited, but Brent and David were not present.

Angel asked coalition members for input on setting up a green infrastructure training with Save the Rain Program. Coalition members requested that Angel check with Madison and see when she is available and go from there in choosing a date. **\*\*Following the coalition meeting, I was made aware that Madison is speaking on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the Tompkins County Library. Please attend this event if possible. Please see information below.**

The Tompkins County Environmental Management Council is pleased to host a program on Onondaga County's award winning green infrastructure program Save the Rain.

**Thursday, April 10, 2014, 4pm**

BorgWarner Room Tompkins County Public Library, 101 East Green Street, Ithaca, NY

Presenter: **Madison Quinn**, program coordinator for **Save the Rain**

Onondaga County has developed an award winning program of innovative green infrastructure solutions to reduce stormwater pollution in environmentally sustainable ways. Among many recognitions, Save the Rain has received the 2013 Environmental Excellence Award from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and was one of 3 winners of the US water prize from the US Water Alliance in 2013.

Come learn about the history and background of their programs and the general benefits of green infrastructure such as green roofs, permeable paving, and rain gardens and their applicability to your community or property.

For more information contact Carolyn Peterson, Vice Chair of the EMC, at 272-8129 or visit <http://savetherain.us/>

The newspaper ad was edited by Ryan Sherry based on the coalition members comments/revsions. The revised ad was presented and accepted by coalition members. It was decided that we will post the ad as a junior page in the Ithaca Times and their associated 10 newspapers. We will ask that the ad appear starting in mid-May and continue through June for a total of 6 weeks. Angel will place the order with the Ithaca Times and submit the invoice to the Town of Ithaca so that payment can be made.

Coalition members discussed the potential TMDL in the southern portion of Cayuga Lake and how the burden of load reductions would fall onto the municipalities in the watershed. Members also discussed the challenges that are faced by the municipalities to conduct this type of work as an individual permit is required for each project. Barry mentioned that the WRC stream committee is submitting a letter to DEC regarding stream work/sediment cleanout and expediting the process through an MOU/General Permit/Open Permit or some other mechanism. Members discussed the desire to also submit a letter to DEC regarding this issue.

Creig Hebdon gave a brief overview of the Seneca Watershed Discovery - Flood Questionnaire and webinar that took place on March 5<sup>th</sup>. He suggested that municipalities fill out the questionnaire, because it will affect the availability of FEMA funds. Lynn, Ryan, and Barry asked Angel to send them the questionnaire. Angel will send out the questionnaire and meeting minutes to all coalition members. Creig also suggested to FEMA and NYSDEC that they include the stormwater coalition in discussions regarding this work.

**\*\*\*\*Please submit your municipalities Excel reporting form to Angel ASAP so she can work on the joint 2013-2014 NYSDEC Annual Report.**

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm.