

Stormwater Coalition of Tompkins County

Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2015

Setting a date for the drainage law training with the Cornell Local Roads program was discussed again as David Orr is now booked for the October 8th. Angel will contact David and try and set a date for the training in November. Angel distributed a publication regarding drainage law in New York prior to the coalition meeting. Coalition members discussed the drainage law publication and sizing of culverts that are being replaced. Brent Cross discussed the problem with sizing culverts that may still be undersized, but compliant with industry standards.

Angel discussed the WQIP grant that was submitted to conduct sewershed mapping. Angel has a copy of the grant submitted if anyone would like to have it. DEC did not release a date when decisions will be made by, but it's expected that we should know if the grant is awarded in December 2015.

Mariah Mahaney (Field Crew Leader, CCE) provided an update on culvert mapping and habitat assessment. In addition to collecting capacity data at culverts, they started conducting habitat assessment following the North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative (NAACC) protocols. Habitat assessment is completed at culverts that pass stream flow. Habitat assessment at culverts has been completed in the Town of Ulysses, partially in the Town of Caroline, and partially in the Town of Dryden. Culvert capacity data has been completed in the Fall Creek watershed, Six Mile Creek watershed, and in the Town of Ulysses. Capacity data on 803 culverts have been collected and 127 culverts have been assessed for habitat as of today. Mapping will continue through the fall depending on the weather.

Darby discussed the Town of Ulysses EPA Audit that occurred in July. A two page overview was passed out to coalition members and is attached below.

Angel asked for input as to when to schedule a fall 4-Hour E&S Training. Dryden previously requested a training in Dryden for staff. No other municipalities are in need of the four hour training at this time.

Next coalition meeting is scheduled for October 21st at 1:30 pm at the Town of Ithaca Public Works facility.