

Stormwater Coalition of Tompkins County

May 15, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Barry Goodrich, Ellen Hahn, Creig Hebdon, Darby Kiley, Scott Gibson, Charlie Purcell, Lynn Leopold, Brent Cross, Ryan Sherry

Angel gave an update on the status of the excess WQIP funds. Angel explained that TCSWCD is willing to provide \$2,500 to assist with funding the Wetlands Mapping Proposal, however, disbursement of additional funds cannot be made at this time. TCSWCD will be reviewing their finances to determine available funds and will provide the Coalition with an update when this has occurred. Darby mentioned that the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network expressed interest in providing funding for the project so she will inquire with them as to how much they are willing to provide to the project. The contract will have to be modified once it is know where funds will be coming from.

Angel updated coalition members on the status of the 2012-2013 Annual Report. Most municipalities' reports are complete, however, Angel is still waiting for some questions to be answered by a couple municipalities and then she can finalize the report. Angel also needs page 4 of the MCC form filled out and signed. She needs the original so please make sure she gets that by Wednesday, May 22nd.

Angel provided a brief overview of the Center for Watershed Protection's On-line Watershed Library. Access to the On-line Watershed Library may be of interest to municipalities in the future. The cost for on-line access is approximately \$40/year.

Ellen provided a copy of the USGS Water Cycle Diagram for kids. The diagram was passed around for review and Angel said she could link it to the stormwater website.

The draft newspaper ad developed by Ryan Sherry was review by coalition members. Overall, members really liked the ad. A few changes were suggested to be made to the text and overall layout. Ryan will make the necessary changes and send a final copy to the Coalition members. Coalition members also voted to post the ad in the Ithaca Times for all 10 newspapers at a cost of \$1049. Ryan will call the Ithaca Times and see if they would like to do a story on the stormwater coalition also. If so, he will put them in contact with Angel.

Angel discussed the “After the Storm” Video (USEPA/Weather Channel) and suggested that we may want to post it to the home page of the coalition website.

The Excal Visual IDDE training DVD and Municipal BMP videos were discussed. Angel mentioned that coalition members could review the videos on-line at the next coalition meeting to determine if they want to buy them. Ellen mentioned that the videos are very good for training, especially the Rain Check – Stormwater Pollution Prevention for MS4s. Coalition members voted to purchase both videos. The videos will be shared by coalition municipalities for training their staff on IDDE and municipal BMPs.