

Stormwater Coalition of Tompkins County

January 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Ellen Hahn, Julie Melancon, Sue Beeners, Lynn Leopold, Darby Kiley, Dan Kwasnowski, Josh Bogdan, Creig Hebdon, Angel Hinickle

MCM 1 and MCM 2 Activities for 2011/2012 Annual Report

Minimum Control Measure 1 and 2 activities were discussed for this year's annual report. For MCM 1 the following activities were discussed for inclusion into the Annual Report: presentation to construction students at TC3, green infrastructure training, pharmaceutical collection events, contractor trainings conducted by TCSWCD, articles in the TCSWCD newsletter, and a coalition website (Angel will try and get at least a homepage up in February so we can post our Annual Report for public review and comment). If there is anything that should be included under MCM 1, please let Angel know. *If your municipality has conducted an activity or event that falls under MCM 1, but it was not done coalition wide it can still be included in the annual report there will just be more than one MCM1 section.

For MCM 2 the following activities were discussed for inclusion into the Annual Report: Floating Classroom events, stormwater hotlines, stream monitoring, Water Week, and the Six Mile Creek Public Forum. Darby suggested discussing the dredging meetings with Lisa Nichols to see if we can include numbers from attendance at those meeting. Darby also suggested talking with Kathy Wilsea about Water Resources Council meetings. Angel will follow up with both Lisa and Kathy.

Measurable Goals for Annual Report

Measurable goals for this year's annual report were discussed. Angel will develop measurable goals for MCM 1 and MCM 2 and send them out to coalition members for review and approval. Since we are jointly reporting and probably will continue in the future, it's a good idea to have set measurable goals that we can stick with each year and measure effectiveness. Ellen commented that the DEC will be looking at the measurable goals and checking to see if municipalities are making progress. **Keep in mind, measurable goals (as well as how you're measuring effectiveness) needs to be included in your Stormwater Management Program Plan (SWMP Plan).

As for Measure Goals for MCM 3 through MCM 6, **I will need the measureable goal, the observations that indicate overall effectiveness of the measurable goal, and the stormwater activities planned to meet the goals during the next reporting cycle from each MS4.**

Education/outreach and public participation for 2012/2013 and Grants

Education/outreach and public participation were discussed for the 2012/2013 reporting season. The Floating Classroom and water monitoring by CSI will continue to be programs supported by coalition members. The coalition will also look for grants to provide additional financial support to these efforts. Angel will start to develop a draft generic proposal that can be used when grant opportunities come up. Angel will send out the first draft for review and comment.

Coalition members were also interested in applying for grant money to conduct a stream walk, which would involve a stream side assessment. Angel will also talk with Steve Penningroth about making the data collected by volunteers more usable by the municipalities.

Ellen provided an update on DEC WQIP Grant. Round 6 and Round 7, 8, and 9 Stormwater MS4 Grants must be closed by 3/31/2012. Final reports and payment request due prior to that date. Round 6 has \$129,750 remaining. Round 7-9 has \$270,930 remaining.

Training

The Coalition is planning on organizing a green infrastructure tour. The tour will visit local green infrastructure practices and provide an opportunity for participants to ask questions about the practices. Creig Hebdon is putting together a list of possible facilities to visit.

4-hour contractor training was also discussed. Angel can set up trainings for 2012. She will look at how many training Darrel offered per year and work from there. If anyone would like training during a specific month or at a specific location, please let Angel know.

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Training. Creig discussed conducting an IDDE training with Town of Ithaca staff. He is going to see how many people he can accommodate. If the Town of Ithaca cannot accommodate all interested parties, Angel can conduct an IDDE training also. Creig provided Angel with the PowerPoint he uses and Angel has experience with IDDE (locating pipes, monitoring, and analysis of water samples).