

Stormwater Coalition of Tompkins County

January 16, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Darby Kiley, Creig Hebdon, Ryan Sherry, John Lampman, Josh Bogdon, Linda Aarismaa, Ed Wilson, Miguel Berrios, Craig Schutt

The coalition meeting was held at the Cornell Lake Source Cooling Facility, where Coalition members viewed a video and received a tour of the facility. Ed Wilson notified coalition members that the next public meeting regarding the Cayuga Lake Modeling Program will take place on January 30th from 1 pm – 4 pm at the Tompkins County Library. The draft QAPPP will be available on January 20th; it will be posted on the Cayuga Lake Modeling Project website (cayugalakemodelingproject.cornell.edu). The Coalition meeting started promptly after the tour.

The excess funds that were received from the closeout of the WQIP Grants Rounds 7, 8, and 9 and Round 6 was discussed. \$47,920.62 of additional funds, beyond what was owed to municipalities was received. Due to the shortfall in funds received for Round 6, \$16,368.74 was used of the \$47,920.62 to fully reimburse those owed from Round 6, leaving \$31,551.88. Where these excess funds should go was discussed. Craig Schutt expressed that some or all of it should stay with TCSWCD due to the time involved to close out the grants. Coalition members asked TCSWCD show their time involved in closing out the grants. Angel will compile the time she spent in closing out these grants and submit that to the coalition. She will also ask Craig for documentation of his time. At this point, all municipalities have been paid in full according to the contract terms for work completed.

Multiple proposals requesting funding from the coalition were discussed. Darby presented a Draft Proposal for Wetland Mapping for Tompkins County. The Wetland Mapping Proposal asks for \$5,000 to support a pilot studying focusing on wetland mapping in the Town of Dryden. The final proposal will be sent out to Coalition members when it's received.

The second proposal discussed was the "A Year in the Life of Six Mile Creek 2013." This proposal was submitted by Level Green. The proposal requests \$3,130 for a three-month collaborative project that combines poetry, art, photography and sculpture to engage both urban and rural youth, their families, and the general public in learning about water. The proposal will be sent around to coalition members by Ryan Sherry.

Creig Hebdon suggested we ask Ellen to look over the education related proposals, because one of her suggestions was that we needed a more robust public education campaign via radio, media etc. Ellen's input would help determine how well the proposal would satisfy Phase II requirements and/or improve our education/outreach efforts.

Our guest, Miguel Berrios, discussed a project taking place at Chestnut Garden. It's a community garden in Ithaca that is in need of a water supply. They are proposing using a roof catchment system. Miguel will send Angel additional details of this project and they will be shared with the coalition.

Angel discussed quarterly reporting of information for the Annual Report. Only one municipality has been responding with the necessary information and Angel wanted to determine if the Coalition members would still like her to send out the quarterly reports or just wait until the end of the reporting period approaches.

Angel discussed the home page that was developed for the stormwater coalition. A pdf of the page was passed around. Creig Hebdon suggested there be a page listing all the MS4's Stormwater Laws and a page with links to the DEC Blue Book and White Book (design manual). Angel will add this information to the website. Josh Bogdon suggested looking into using Word Press instead of Dreamweaver in case someone outside of TCSWCD wants to do updates to the website. He provided suggestions on where to host the website. Angel will look into Word Press and hosting the website so everyone can view it.

Angel updated coalition members on the STERPDB/Center of Excellence, Stormwater Symposium that is tentatively scheduled for Binghamton in the Spring of 2013. We previously discussed having a symposium in Ithaca so coalition members were asked if they would travel to Binghamton for a symposium. Members stated that it would depend on the content being presented at the symposium. They would like to know who the target audience is. Angel will follow up with Tom Evans to determine this.

The upcoming NYSDEC 4-Hour Contractor Training was discussed. The next training will be held on March 5th at the Brooktondale Fire Department. The class will begin at 10am and end at 2:30pm. Registration begins at 9:30 and preregistration is required. If you know someone who would like to preregister, have them contact Angel Hinickle at (607) 257-2340 or angeldybas@tcswcd.org. Attendance of personnel from the MS4 was discussed. If personnel attend one of the 4-Hour Trainings open to the public, the coalition will pay for their attendance.

Next Meeting – February 20th, 2013 at the Ithaca Town Hall, Aurora Conference Room.