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Nashua and Manchester Regional Stormwater Coalition Meeting

Nashua Regional Planning Commission Office

9 Executive Park Dr. #201, Merrimack, New Hampshire

Tuesday, May 2, 10:00 - Noon

Present:

Bruce Berry, Chair	Amherst, NH	Dan Hudson	Salem, NH
Jeremy Bouvier, Chair	Manchester, NH	James Davis	Salem, NH
Craig Durrett	Derry, NH	Lincoln Dalye	Milford, NH
Dawn Tuomala	Merrimack, NH	Barbara McMillan	NHDES
Mike McLaughlin	Bedford, NH	Jim Donison	Hooksett, NH
Amy Prouty Gill	Nashua, NH	Godeon Leedy	Amhearst, NH
Scott McPhie	Nashua, NH	Sylvia Vanvon Aulock	Southern NHPC
Linda Panny	Nashua, NH	Amy Kizak	Southern NHPC
John Trotter	Londonderry, NH	Jennifer Czysz	Nashua RPC
Mark Bender	Milford, NH	Sara Siskavich	Nashua RPC
John Cudworth	Hollis, NH	Heidi Marshall	CLD Consulting
Tom Bayrd	Hollis, NH	Chandath Idqu	Cambodia
Scott Butcher	Wilton, NH	Zul Ilham	Malaysia

1. Introductions/Announcements:

A webinar is being held today at 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on “Reducing Regulatory Burden.”

EPA is hosting and recording an outfall mapping for low costs webinar on May 11th.

2. Update on Final MS4 Permit:

The schedule is still on track with. There was discussion and questions about the EPA urban area maps criteria and lack of available Meta data from the census.

3. Update on Seacoast Stormwater Coalition Identifying Collaborative Approaches for MS4 Compliance:

Gretchen Young, Assistant Engineer, Dover presented on the NH Seacoast Stormwater Coalition’s new effort working with James Houle from the UNH Stormwater Center to look at common areas where the municipalities could work together to identify standardized and defensible approaches to permit compliance. The process has included looking at the Notice of Intent (NOI) and filling in: Shared Opportunities, Individual Efforts, Potential Collaborations, and Already Underway for each requirement. The next step for the Seacoast Stormwater Coalition is to drill down for a scope of services on each requirement. The intention is to identify no/low cost

collaboration options, and they have pooled \$2,000 each from most of the municipalities to be used for any initial tasks requiring funding.

4. Discuss Nashua/Manchester Regional Stormwater Coalition Collaborative Approach:

Everyone was in agreement to host James Houle and NHDES to facilitate the same Seacoast Stormwater Coalition process for the Nashua/Manchester group. In moving forward we will use the existing information (filled in NOI matrix) from the seacoast group as a starting point and discuss differences and similarities.

Salem highlighted that they have already done a lot of work to come in compliance with the new permit and have worked with Weston and Sampson to create a spread sheet on costs. They are in the process of modifying their stormwater regulations and have done some sampling. Salem could be a great resource to follow.

5. Nashua Regional and Southern NH Planning Commissions' Survey Results for Potential MS4 Services: Jen Czysz, Assistant Director NRPC and Sylvia von Aulock, Deputy Executive Director, SNHPC discussed findings from a collaborative community survey of what the two region's communities are interested in for assistance.

See: How Can RPCs Assist with MS4 Permit Compliance" hand-out:

1. Funding was split between regions – some cost sharing and some with the existing budget. NRPC may take dues allocation and put it into this.
2. For **coordination of resources** RPCs would like to put the resources together and post them at no-cost.
3. Central NH RPC had some responses interested in **joint purchasing**, i.e., bulk purchasing on water testing kits and/or using the state contract like Derry.
4. Have a **shared stormwater professional** available for staffing (Stormwater Circuit Rider).
5. For **grant writing** there would need to be someone out there willing to do it.
6. **Municipal permit compliance** could have a template available pretty quickly at no cost to municipalities.
7. **Host workshops and trainings** could host and notify/invite people. Need to know topics of interest.
8. **Water quality monitoring** could include training and procedures.
9. **Outreach and education** can included some school resources, handouts, outreach event kits and more.
10. **Regulatory audit** will look at how the new permit will impact the ordinance and working collectively on enforcement within communities.
11. **GIS and mapping services** generated a lot of interest. RPCs could be the centralization of data and could run a tie-in to DOT data, land cover, and impervious surfaces. Making the data available to communities.

There was discussion and questions. Is there a database on their drainage system? Is DOT doing a mapping of their drainage system? Who is responsible? Who owns the pipe?

6. **Other Business:** There was discussion about naming the combined Nashua and Manchester Regional Stormwater Coalition the “Merrimack Valley Coalition.” However, not everyone is sure the groups should stay combined on a permanent basis so the discussion is tabled for a future meeting agenda.
7. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 8 at 10:00 to noon, NRPC offices. James Houle and Barbara McMillan will facilitate the process of commenting on the Seacoast Stormwater Coalition Collaborated NOI.

Jennifer Czysz will contact DOT to invite them to a future meeting.