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Nashua and Manchester Regional Stormwater Coalition Meeting

Nashua Regional Planning Commission Office

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

Wednesday, October 11, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Present:

<i>Jeremy Bouvier, Chair</i>	<i>Manchester</i>	<i>Craig Durrett</i>	<i>Derry</i>
<i>Barbara McMillan</i>	<i>NHDES</i>	<i>Sylvia Vanvon Aulock</i>	<i>Southern NHPC</i>
<i>James Houle</i>	<i>UNH SW Center</i>	<i>Bill Arcieri</i>	<i>VHB</i>
<i>Heidi Marshall</i>	<i>CLD Consulting</i>	<i>Jay Minkarah</i>	<i>Nashua RPC</i>
<i>Tom Bayrd</i>	<i>Hollis</i>	<i>Sara Siskavich</i>	<i>Nashua RPC</i>
<i>John Cudworth</i>	<i>Hollis</i>	<i>Andrew Smeltz</i>	<i>Nashua RPC</i>
<i>Dawn Tuomala</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>	<i>Jeff Gowan</i>	<i>Pelham</i>
<i>Fred Elkind</i>	<i>Milford</i>	<i>Amy Pouty Gill</i>	<i>NHRPC</i>
<i>Mike McLaughlin</i>	<i>Bedford</i>	<i>Gordon Leedy</i>	<i>Amherst</i>
<i>Madeleine Mineau</i>	<i>Nashua</i>	<i>Eric Hahn</i>	<i>Amherst</i>
<i>Mark Connors</i>	<i>Bedford</i>	<i>James Davis</i>	<i>Salem</i>
<i>Wendy Trimble</i>	<i>Hudson</i>		

1. General Announcements:

- Jamie Houle provided an update on the mapping coordination effort of the Seacoast Stormwater Coalition (SSC). They have a draft RFP for services that is for the SSC but can be used for the entire state.
- Jamie announced the new Stormwater Certificate Program to begin this Fall through the UNH Development and Training Program <https://training.unh.edu/Stormwater>. It includes 5 classes, (1st class is hydrology) and is primarily for design engineers. There was some discussion about making sure it includes robust certification requirements with an honest evaluation of what the qualifications are and an evaluation of the program.
- Jeremy Bouvier announced that NEIWPC is working on Green Infrastructure training with WEF.
- Sara Siskavich announced the new EPA introduction to outfall mapping webinar on November 2. https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-ms4/?page_id=181
- Madeleine Mineau provided a summary of the NH Municipal Association meeting on NH NPDES Delegation. Rainey Pelletier, NHDES had provided background on what other states are doing and how much it might cost New Hampshire to be delegated (\$3 million). It would be all NPDES permits not just stormwater although it may be phased in starting with stormwater. The next study commission meeting is October 25th in Concord where they are requesting other NPDES regulated entities (Agriculture etc.) attend.

2. Amherst Stormwater Regulations Ongoing Efforts: Gordon Leedy, Amherst Community Development Director gave a brief overview of the process and trials and tribulations so far.

- Amherst used the Southeast Watershed Alliance (SWA) stormwater model and were focused on volume control based on your site and soil characteristics.
- They looked at the SW Manual BMPs and used the standard of percentage of assessed value of a home.
- They added language on easements. A subdivision that crosses town property will need to allow town access.
- If you make compliance difficult, no one will comply. Amherst has a system they can query where all the stormwater permits are. They need staffing to follow-up. Can send a letter with a form which puts liability on property owner – not the town – then they come in. State AOT is now being more proactive on enforcement.
- Salem and Nashua noted that compliance and enforcement is also their biggest challenge. There may be a fine but it is hard to make people pay it. They have to take people to court. The mall in South Portland is an example of having a private company come in based on a \$3,000/acre fee. The other way is stormwater utilities. Sylvia will send information about how Exeter was going to tie in a generated memo from their GIS data. She will see where it is at and maybe have them come to present on it.

3. Nashua/Manchester MS4 Coalition Funding Pool for Coordinated Collaboration Activities: Review of Seacoast Stormwater project funding partnership. Discuss fiscal agent options and identify MS4's ability to participate. (see 9/27 email from Fred Elkind, Milton).

Fred discussed that there are things that are important to us as a group but there is a cost associated with some of it. Is it a reasonable approach to agree to an amount and create a fund? Due to possible municipal politics, it was agreed not to have community be the fiscal agent.

Nashua (Amy) is willing to contribute and looks at the outreach as a good resource to use. Nashua suggested that some of the larger municipalities may be able to contribute more funds. There are also possibilities to work as a coalition on a watershed basis.

Gordon suggested that there is value in not having to hire a consultant to do all of the work and maybe the RPCs could help with an SWPP outline. Amherst could contribute.

Pelham could take advantage of spreading the costs on tasks like outreach and testing. They were willing to participate.

Litchfield doesn't have a lot of resources but thought \$2,000 is reasonable.

Towns may want more specifics on what type of projects would be covered under collaboration.

Next Steps: The RPCs will meet and draft something to send out including examples of what kinds of services may be provided. May need to include a questionnaire on: Do you support this? What towns need to do this and provide reasons this will help. Stress economies of scale.

- 4. NOI Work Session:** Review status of content for MS4s to put in NOI and identify next steps for providing additional information to get those NOIs filled out.

Barbara asked where towns were with their NOIs. Amherst and others volunteered that they had a blank page. Nashua commented that they are working on theirs internally. Barbara provided an example of how the MCM #1 section might look using some collaborated resources and guidance.

- 5. Next Meeting Date and Agenda:** November 14th at a **NEW afternoon TIME – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Agenda will include RPC report out on collaboration effort and NHDES (Ted Diers) reporting on NHDES role in the MS4 permit and how monitoring works.