

MINUTES - NH Lower Merrimack Valley Stormwater Coalition Meeting Zoom

Thursday, February 10, 2022, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Present:

<i>Jeanne Walker, Chair</i>	<i>Bedford</i>	<i>Sara Siskavich</i>	<i>NashuaRPC</i>
<i>Brandon Boisvert</i>	<i>Bedford</i>	<i>Emma Rearick</i>	<i>NashuaRPC</i>
<i>Matt Monahan</i>	<i>CHNRPC, Pelham, Atkinson</i>	<i>Deb Loiselle</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Scott Ozana</i>	<i>Goffstown</i>	<i>Tom Swenson</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Joan Cudworth</i>	<i>Hollis</i>	<i>Katie Zink</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Thomas Bartula</i>	<i>Hooksett</i>	<i>Dena Hoffman</i>	<i>Pelham</i>
<i>Bruce Thomas</i>	<i>Hooksett</i>	<i>Christine Addington</i>	<i>Pembroke</i>
<i>Earl Labonte</i>	<i>Hooksett</i>	<i>Victor (VJ) Ranfos</i>	<i>Pembroke</i>
<i>Heidi Marshall</i>	<i>Hoyle-Tanner</i>	<i>Lyndsay Butler</i>	<i>Salem</i>
<i>Paul Elsholz</i>	<i>Laconia</i>	<i>Zach Swick</i>	<i>SNHRPC</i>
<i>Ben Lundsted</i>	<i>Manchester</i>	<i>Mike Leach</i>	<i>Stantec</i>
<i>Kevin Anderson</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>	<i>Jamie Houle</i>	<i>UNHSC</i>
<i>Jason Cleghorn</i>	<i>Milford</i>	<i>Michele Decoteau</i>	<i>Wilton</i>
<i>Amy Gill</i>	<i>Nashua</i>	<i>Peter Howd</i>	<i>Wilton</i>
<i>Doug Starr</i>	<i>Nashua</i>	<i>Dave Sullivan</i>	<i>Windham</i>

- 1. Introductions:** Those in attendance are listed above.
- 2. Meeting Minutes:**
 - The January 13, 2022 meeting minutes were approved.
- 3. Hot Spot Mapping (aka Pollutant Load Maps):**
 - Tom Swenson (NHDES) presented.
 - We have heard from multiple communities that they would like to take the Hot Spot data and move it into GIS.
 - NHDES met with UNH and we need to know what information towns are looking for within GIS.
 - We would like to set up a subcommittee to brainstorm what features communities would like to see in a data layer or mapper.
 - Volunteers: Dena Hoffman, Sara Siskavich, Brandon Boisvert, Kevin Anderson, Ben Lundsted, Paul Elsholz.
 - The subcommittee meetings will run for about an hour. A poll will be sent to the volunteers to find a time to meet.
- 4. Year 4 Requirements:**
 - Jeanne Walker (Bedford) presented.
 - Jeanne sat in on the Year 4 requirements subcommittee meeting that the SSC had put together.
 - One of the topics was System Vulnerability Factors (SVFs). A table has been created to help identify systems that should be targeted for wet weather investigations.

- There will be another subcommittee meeting in February. After that, the spreadsheet should be ready to be rolled out to everyone.
- Jamie Houle (UNHSC)- We need to capture engineering. Site walks have been done in more rural areas.
- Nitrogen and Phosphorus identification report templates are being worked on as well and will use the feasibility items.
- Jamie Houle (UNHSC) - Drainage areas for watersheds named in the permit will be added to the Hot Spot maps.
- Tom Swenson (NHDES) presented the Year 4 requirements table.
- Tom shared that in years past there have been large tables for each permit years requirements, this year the format is a little different.
- We will go over some of the requirements for MCM #1 through MCM #3 this month and cover MCM #4 thought MCM #6 along with Appendix F and H next month.
- Tom shared a Word document with the Year 4 requirements that is located on the NH MS4 Blog.
- The Year 4 requirements table shows the requirement, MCM or Appendix, page number, permit section, and status for each Year 4 requirement.
- The outreach requirements are not all in the table because it varies for each community. The outreach requirements can be found in the Year 4 outreach matrix which is linked within the document.
- MCM #2 is public participation. This includes giving the public a chance to review and comment on your SWMP annually.
- MCM #3 includes SSO inventory- make sure it is up to date.
- Stormwater system map- make sure this is up to date.
- Update outfall and interconnection inventory and ranking using any new sampling or investigation data you have collected.
- Q- If you have bacteria and phosphorus outreach do you have to do the pet waste outreach twice?
 - No, but it is a yearly requirement.
- Document System Vulnerability Factors (SVFs) for every catchment investigated. You can use the spreadsheet that Jeanne was talking about to help with this.
- Start wet weather sampling. We are intending to use the same sample criteria that was used for dry weather sampling.
- Jamie- Some communities will sample all outfalls, but that can be a heavy lift. Some communities will have to choose what to sample. Age of infrastructure is an issue that the subcommittee is working on, because if we use the permit recommendation of infrastructure greater than 40 years old, it would be all infrastructure. Most of NH entities have infrastructure well over the age of 50-100+ years old.
- Retest any illicit discharges that have been removed or fixed.
- Define and describe indicators of IDDE program progress in the annual report.
- Provide IDDE training to involved employees. This can be an annual refresher.

5. Construction General Permit (CGP) Update:

- Deb Loiselle (NHDES) presented.
- The 2022 CGP has been authorized and will replace the 2017 CGP.
- The new [CGP](#) will be effective as of February 17, 2022.
- The FAQ's will be on this page <https://www.epa.gov/npdcs/2022-construction-general-permit-cgp>
- EPA is the permitting authority.

- New or updated provisions related to:
 - Erosion and pollution prevention.
 - Dewatering discharges.
 - Turbidity monitoring.
 - Inspection training. In the past you did not need to be certified. Now you need to be a certified/licensed individual or be trained by EPA.
- EPA plans to have a training class available at no cost this summer.
- There are other courses available to get certified, but they do have a fee associated with them.
- Q- Is there a list of qualified inspectors?
 - A- No. The Stormwater Center has a list of engineers and there may be some overlap. Deb will check to see if the Alteration of Terrain folks have a list.
- EPA CGP Webinar
February 24, 2022
1:00-3:00 EST
[Register](#)
- This is a good opportunity to reach out to contractors and make them aware of this. This would be good to add to your outreach requirements on your annual report.
- Tom Swenson (NHDES) wrote up an email saying that there is a new CGP permit and that a webinar highlighting the major changes is being offered. It is on the Blog under MCM #1.
- A recording of the webinar will be on the Blog when it becomes available.

6. Winter Maintenance:

- Tom Swenson (NHDES) presented.
- We are behind creating the rules for the program, but it is moving forward.
- Ted Diers (NHDES) and Aubrey Voelker (NHDES) will be back to present when they have more information.
- UNH T2 has a large number of trainings for winter maintenance.
- You can check off some requirements and get some Road Scholar credits as well.
- Let us know what you think of the courses if you attend.

7. Updates and Upcoming Events:

- [UNH T2 Trainings Calendar](#)
 - March 16th, 8:00-9:30 am
[Stormwater Green Infrastructure Maintenance](#)
Virtual
Free
 - September 8th & September 15th & September 21st & September 29th
October 13th & November 16th & November 17th
Time TBD
Snowfighters Seminar
Registration Coming Soon
\$60.00 for municipal staff
 - September 20th & October 4th Time TBD
Data-Driven Winter Maintenance *Registration Coming Soon*

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- **NHDES Infrastructure Funding Webpage**
NHDES weblink: <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/infrastructure-funding/>
Information on any available funding will be posted on this website

Sign up for email alerts from NHDES pertaining to CWSRF/ARPA/Infrastructure funding opportunities at: https://www4.des.state.nh.us/infrastructure-funding/?page_id=26

Upcoming events and funding deadlines (currently known):
https://www4.des.state.nh.us/infrastructure-funding/?page_id=73

January/February 2022: Drinking Water Sustainability Grant recipients notified

January 2022: Initial solicitation for Critical Flood-Risk Assistance

March 2022: Second solicitation for applications to the Assistance for Disadvantaged Communities grant program

Spring 2022: Cybersecurity Audit assistance solicitation

February/March 2022: Deadline for Critical Flood-Risk Assistance (Coastal Only) applications

March/April 2022: *Annual solicitation for the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)*

April 2022: *Webinars on CWSRF/ ARPA information. More information to come*

June 2022: Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) pre-applications due. Solicitations out in March/ April timeframe. Reach out to Deb to discuss potential projects

8. Upcoming meeting dates for 2022 – Mark your calendars!

Please email potential agenda items and/or presentations to Deb Loiselle at deborah.loiselle@des.nh.gov. These will be considered for upcoming meetings and very helpful in the development of the monthly agendas.

March 10th:

April 14th:

May 12th:

June 9th:

July 14th: Prepare for Year 4 Annual Report

August 11th: Prepare for Year 4 Annual Report

September 8th:

October 13th:

November 17th: Note this date is not during the regular monthly scheduled time

December 8th 🎄 Holiday meeting – location TBD