

Minutes-

NH Lower Merrimack Valley Stormwater Coalition Meeting

Zoom and NRPC (30 Temple Street Suite 310, Nashua, NH)

Thursday, June 9, 2022, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Present:

<i>Dawn Tuomala, Chair</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>	<i>Tim Belanger</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>
<i>Jeanne Walker, Chair</i>	<i>Bedford</i>	<i>Amy Gill</i>	<i>Nashua</i>
<i>Brian Arsenault</i>	<i>Allenstown</i>	<i>Doug Starr</i>	<i>Nashua</i>
<i>Eric Slosek</i>	<i>Amherst</i>	<i>Sara Siskavich</i>	<i>NashuaRPC</i>
<i>Nic Strong</i>	<i>Amherst</i>	<i>Emma Rearick</i>	<i>NashuaRPC</i>
<i>Brandon Boisvert</i>	<i>Bedford</i>	<i>Andrea Bejtlich</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Craig Durrett</i>	<i>Derry</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>Dena Hoffman</i>	<i>Pelham</i>
<i>Heidi Marshall</i>	<i>Hoyle-Tanner</i>	<i>Christine Addington</i>	<i>Pembroke</i>
<i>Mark Dipirro</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>	<i>Lyndsay Butler</i>	<i>Salem</i>
<i>Emma Liptrap</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>	<i>Zach Swick</i>	<i>SNHRPC</i>
<i>Alex Giuffrida</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>	<i>Megan Dalton</i>	<i>Verdantas</i>
<i>William Feltus</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>	<i>Nick Germain</i>	<i>Wilton</i>
<i>Andrew Peyton</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>	<i>Alex Mello</i>	<i>Windham</i>

1. Introductions

- Roll call will be done alphabetically by municipality or affiliation

2. Approve meeting minutes

- The meeting minutes for May 12, 2022 were approved.

3. MCM #1 Construction/Developer Outreach

- Tom Swenson presented
- An overview of the Year 4 construction/developer outreach resources was given. Every community needs to reach out to the construction/developers audience to meet this Year 4 requirement.
- NHDES created two new outreach resources that can go to anyone that works with construction projects. The newly created outreach resources are an [outreach letter](#) and [informational brochure](#) focusing on the changes to the Construction General Permit (CGP).
 - The outreach letter highlights changes made to the new CGP. The biggest change is that all inspectors must be trained and certified by February 17, 2023.
 - The letter is meant to be sent out to any municipal departments or organizations that are involved with planning or approving construction projects or plans within your community.
 - If your community does not have someone that can be listed as the main contact for any additional information, you can put Michelle Vuto from EPA as the contact within the letter.
 - The informational brochure can be distributed at construction planning meetings and can also be made available at your community's town hall.
 - The brochure includes an introduction to the CGP, the purpose of the CGP, major changes to the new version of the CGP, a link to the EPA webinar where EPA talked about the changes to the new CGP, and information on the certified inspector trainings.

- The brochure also has a section for how to receive coverage under the CGP and outlines some of the requirements for the permit such as Notice of Intent and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans.
- Q- Should the outreach resource be sent to engineers?
 - A- Yes, the outreach resources should be sent to anyone that works in the construction/development sector.
- Q- Do town officials that go to construction sites need to be certified?
 - A- Yes, anyone that conducts inspections must be certified.
- Q- Are there any pre-requisites for the inspector training?
 - A- No, there are no pre-requisites for the training.
- Q- When will the free EPA training be available?
 - A- EPA's free version will hopefully be released this summer.

4. Phosphorus/Nitrogen Source Identification Reports

- Tom Swenson presented
- An overview of the Phosphorus Source Identification Reports (PSIR) was given.
- This report is from Appendix H section I.1.b and II.1.b.
- This is only a requirement for permittees with phosphorus impairments. It is not applicable to permittees with a phosphorus TMDL.
- The communities in the NHLMV that need to complete this requirement are Atkinson, Derry, Goffstown, Hampstead, Litchfield, Manchester, Pelham, Salem, and Windham.
- This is a Year 4 requirement and must be submitted with your annual report.
- The [PSIR](#) is located on the Hot Spot Page on the [MS4 Blog](#).
- Three spreadsheets for each community with a phosphorus impairment have been created to meet the requirements in the PSIR. These spreadsheets can be found under the community's name in the Appendix H section on the Hot Spot Page on the [MS4 Blog](#).
- There are five requirements within the PSIR:
 1. Total MS4 area draining to the impaired waterbody.
 2. All the screening and monitoring results pursuant to Part 2.3.4.7.d., targeting the receiving water segment(s).
 3. The total impervious cover (IC) of the MS4 area.
 - a. The permit asks about Directly Connected Impervious Area (DCIA). The PSIR states that DCIA and IC are not differentiated in the Hot Spot Pollutant Load Reports, where the raw data is coming from.
 4. Identification, delineation, and prioritization of potential catchments with high phosphorus loading.
 5. Identification of potential retrofit opportunities or opportunities for the installation of structural BMPs during redevelopment, including the removal of impervious area on permittee-owned properties.
- Instruction within the PSIR explain where to get the information for each of the five requirements.
- Q- Does this take into consideration BMPs already implemented?
 - A- No, it does not take into account any BMPs currently in place or installed under other permits.
- Q- Do we get credit for BMPs already installed?
 - A- Not until Year 5 of the permit. During Year 5, the implantation phase begins.
- Please contact Tom Swenson with any questions.

5. Hot Spot Inventory and Priority Ranking Spreadsheets

- Tom Swenson presented.
- This is a Year 4 Requirement under section 2.3.6.e.

- Each community has a prepopulated Hot Spot Inventory and Priority Ranking Spreadsheet that contains information from the communities Hot Spot Priority Ranking Report.
- The communities' top municipal parcels ranked by Impervious Cover (IC) have been prepopulated within the spreadsheet.
- There are multiple factors along the top of the spreadsheet relating to BMP installation that you can compare each parcel to, to determine how well it meets that factor.
- At the end of the spreadsheet is a column that displays each parcels final score.
- Parcels with the highest scores have the most potential to be retrofitted with a stormwater BMP.

6. Annual Salt Usage Reports

- Tom Swenson presented.
- Annual Salt Usage Reports are due by June 30, 2022.
- All communities with chloride impairments or TMDLs are required to submit a report. However, communities without chloride impairments or TMDLs are welcome to submit reports as well.
- Email your reports to salt@des.nh.gov. Please CC Deb and Tom if you can.

7. Reminder to complete MCM #2 Public Involvement and Participation

- Deb Loiselle presented
- All permittees must give members of their community an opportunity to review and comment on their Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) annually.
- Permittees also need to have their SWMP readily available to the public.

8. Reminder to update your SWMP by June 30th

- Deb Loiselle presented.
- This is a Year 4 requirement.
- Permittees must have their SWMP updated by June 30th.
- Certain Year 4 requirements must be updated within your SWMP.
- The requirements that need to be updated within your SWMP can be found in sections 1.10.2 and 1.10.3

9. Pictures for new MS4 Blog

- Tom Swenson presented
- We are looking for any MS4 related pictures to use on the new MS4 blog.
- Please send all pictures to Thomas.D.Swenson@des.nh.gov

10. Check in on Year 4 requirements

- Tom Swenson presented.
- Year 4 of the permit ends on June 30th. Are there any requirements that permittees still need help with?
- Q- Is there a brief list of the Year 4 requirements?
 - Yes, the [Year 4 Requirements Table](#) is on the MS4 Blog.

11. Updates and Upcoming Events

- [UNH T2 Trainings Calendar](#)
 - September 8th & September 15th & September 21st & September 29th
October 13th & November 16th & November 17th
8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Snowfighters Seminar
[Registration](#)
\$60.00 for municipal staff

- September 20th & October 4th, 7:30-9:30 AM
Data-Driven Winter Maintenance
[Registration](#)
- **Intermediate Asset Management: Beyond the Basics**
 - June 23, 2022
All Day (9:00 AM- 4:30 PM)
NHDES
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH
NHDES Conference Rooms 110-114
Note: Sign in at the lobby and obtain visitor pass
Lunch will be available
 - For more information contact Eliza (Morrison) Styczynski at 603-271-1989 or
Eliza.Morrison@des.nh.gov
- **2022 Annual Asset Management Conference for Water Infrastructure**
 - November 3, 2022
All day event (in-person)
Pembroke Army National Guard Readiness Center
Pembroke, NH
Details and Registration Coming Soon
- **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
- **NHDES Dam Rehabilitation/Removal Grant – *Coming Soon***
 - \$5 million
 - Eligible applicants = Municipalities
 - Grant program for municipally owned high hazard dams that are in poor or unsatisfactory condition. There are 16 dams in poor condition in New Hampshire.
 - Steve Doyon (NHDES Dam Bureau) will be reaching out to the municipalities that qualify to provide additional information

12. Upcoming meeting dates for 2022 – Mark your calendars! Meetings occur on the 2nd Thursday of each month, unless otherwise noted. We will continue working on the elements necessary for Year 4 requirements of the permit and update the SWMP template as needed. Following are the topics that are planned for the monthly meetings. Please note that topics may change dependent on priorities identified during the year.

2022 Meeting Dates

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

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

13. Sign-in Sheet – Your names will be documented during introductions.