

Meeting Notes

Rensselaer County MS4 Communities Meeting
East Greenbush Town Park
September 19, 2017
10:00 a.m.

The meeting opened at 10:15 AM. Introductions were made and the scenery was greatly appreciated.

The second item was Construction Stormwater Training for Municipalities. The Schodack training facilities can hold up to 150 people. It was considered that each MS4 could send up to 6 people and if there were few non-municipal enrolled, the seats would be made available to additional municipal employees. Forms need to be sent out to the municipalities so that their employees can be enrolled.

The third item on the agenda was the Draft Permit. The new MS4 Permit Coordinator is Ethan Sullivan. No other news was available on the draft permit.

The fourth item on the agenda was Local BMPs. The week of the meeting was National Septic System Awareness Week and a handout was given to attendees.

Sand Lake had a question on the Cut to Grade permits. The mining law allows certain exemptions. Guidance on these exemptions needs to be sent out to explain when a mining permit is needed in development instances. For developers to get a permit, they need to demonstrate the need to remove the materials. The document DEC has on this is not regulatory, but guidance only.

A discussion then continued on that the extension of sewer districts need to be approved by DEC before building permits are issued.

Mr. Wiley described the Village of Castleton's Trees for Tribs project along the Vlockie Kill. The property worked on was known as Schermerhorn Park. Invasive species were removed prior to the planning of the trees provided by DEC. The intent is to revive Schermerhorn Park.

The Town of Brunswick had an issue where a commercial development had two-phased under the SWPP. The second phase has been purchased by a convenience store/gas station company. There are additional concerns due to the nature of the gas station. The second phase needs a new separate NOI filed which can allow the original NOI to get a NOT. The post-construction responsibilities for O&M and ownership need to be spelled out.

Mr. Daley updated on the Albany Pool CSO. Troy is getting started in the inspection of sewers near tributaries. The Rensselaer Land Trust is also sampling in tributaries for e. coli and total coliform. The third year of sampling on the Hudson River is underway as well. Rensselaer is

complete with their projects. The Sewer District is sm..... Troy is working on additional sewer separation.

On October 18, Mr. Daley will discuss green infrastructure at the South East New York Stormwater Conference. On October 19, Mr. Daley will discuss the green infrastructure model code at the North East New York Stormwater Conference.

The tributaries to the Hudson still have high bacteria levels. Emergent compound testing is needed to determine whether the pollutants are coming from septic systems or agriculture and natural sources.

The Army Corps has been performing enforcement inspection on local communities, looking at development in the flood plain and whether communities have been following federal and local law.

In one location, 8 to 10 feet of paving spoils were dumped in a federal wetland for about ¾ acre. The property owner was required to remove the spoils from the wetland.

The next meeting is at the Rensselaer County Office Building on November 21, 2017 at 10 AM.

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