

Meeting Notes

Rensselaer County MS4 Communities Meeting
Rensselaer County Office Building, Conference Room C
November 21, 2017
10:00 a.m.

The meeting started at 10:07 AM.

The second item on the agenda was the Draft Permit. Ms. Barrie stated that there was no news on the draft permit. There have been a number of retirements and staffing shifts which may have slowed progress on the permit. Carol Lamb LaFay is no longer the Stormwater Permitting Chief, but is now the Water Engineer for Region 5.

The next item on the agenda was Local BMPs. Mr. Koziol stated that he is still getting developers who state that they do not need to have to retain the 10 year overbank flow since they are exempt because they flow into a fifth order stream. The only projects that fulfill this exemption are those that directly flow into the Hudson, not into a stream near the Hudson.

There is still a need for clarification on what farmers can do for the agriculture exemption. The farmer needs to talk to Rensselaer County Soil & Water Conservation District and also have an ag plan which says what they are going to do.

One community had an issue with dumping – a manure pile. The complaint was from a neighbor. The livestock owner was told to keep it away from neighboring properties and not let it build up.

A comment that the Riverkeeper should go after the foreign commercial ships coming into the Port of Albany and are dumping a lot of things into the river prior to going into port. They also clean their decks and wash the dirt and soapy water into the river as well, leaving behind floatables and scum.

Mr. Daley gave an update on the Albany Pool Communities. They have received a letter of approval from DEC on their green infrastructure toolbox. The toolbox is meant especially for redevelopment lots under one acre where developers often state that they can't reduce stormwater discharge or improve treatment, against the tear down-pave developments. The tool box is geared more toward removing storm water and less for improving water quality and helps lower the bar that will have more people reducing stormwater flow. The City of Albany will be adopting the tool box into City Code for properties of a quarter acre or more to reduce to the 10-year storm.

The next meeting will be on January 16, 2018 in Conference Room A of the County Office Building.

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