

Stormwater Coalition Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2012

Attendees: Darby Kiley, Creig Hebdon, Ryan Sherry, Barry Goodrich, Lynn Leopold, Josh Bogdon, Linda Aarismaa

The meeting opened with a presentation from Ed Wilson from Cornell's Energy and Sustainability Department. He provided the coalition with an overview of Cornell's Lake Source Cooling SPDES Draft Permit. He discussed the Lake and Watershed Model that will be produced by researchers at the university, as well as the studies that have to be conducted on the intake structure (entrainment study) and extending the intake pipe further into the lake. Cornell will be conducting community outreach in conjunction with the NYSDEC to keep lake stakeholders involved and informed. The NYSDEC is accepting public comments on the draft SPDES permit until December 15th.

Our second guest, Tom Evans from the Southern Tier Regional Planning Development Board discussed their 604(b) Baseline Program, which is funded by the NYSDEC through the Clean Water Act, Section 604(b). The program serves to provide support, partnership, and technical assistance to water-related groups (stormwater coalitions, water resources commissions, etc.) and build regional collaboration. He offered his assistance in developing the coalition website, scheduling training events/workshops and brochure development.

Coalition members voted and approved the 2013 Stormwater Coalition of Tompkins County –Agreement for Services. They also voted and approved to raise the expenditure cap to \$12,500 a year. Angel will update the agreement and mail it out to coalition members.

An update was provided regarding closeout of the WQIP Grants. Both Round 6 and Rounds 7, 8, and 9 have been closed out and Soil and Water should receive the remaining funds within the next two weeks. Approximately \$55,790.62 will remain from Rounds 7, 8, and 9. The coalition should determine how they would like to use these remaining funds.

Angel mentioned that she sent out the Quarterly Reporting Excel table. Brent asked that she set a deadline for submission of the information.

Dates for the 4-hour contractor training were discussed. Coalition members suggested a training in January, March, and one in April just for DPW crews. Angel will look into scheduling one in Dryden, one in Brooktondale, and one in the Town of Ithaca.

The next coalition meeting will be January 16th at the Lake Source Cooling Facility. We will receive a tour and then hold our meeting in the conference room.