

Regional MS4

Discussion Topics

Players Involved

- Towns, WestCOG, DEEP, UConn, Various River Associations, Various Environmental Organization
- In discussions with DEEP clarifying requirements and deadlines for reporting and mapping.

Website Outreach Public Participation

- Currently hosting initial web page which includes maps, ideas, and some outreach materials.
- Web page can grow to meet outreach and public participation requirements. Will leverage all available groups and resources.
- (include web link here)

MS4 Schedule

- The requirements outlined in the permit roll out over five years.
- The schedule includes due dates for MS4 requirements.
- Will serve as the skeleton for an MS4 Plan Template. (fyi, Plans due in April 2017!)
 - o Template will be developed to match the structure of the requirements listed in permit as closely as possible. (Brookfield sample is a good example)
 - Allows for a smooth MS4 Review
 - Reduces chance of errors.

Data Reporting

- See table of required reporting at the bottom of the schedule hand out.
- Consistent reporting allows for smooth MS4 review and improved communication.
- Sampling could potentially be performed by partner agencies or consultants.

Webmaps

- A public information webmap showcasing impaired waters, urbanized areas, and % of IA or DCIA
 - o Assists with transparency requirements.
 - o Show cases baseline information.
- Municipal mapping. Tied to stormwater system databases.
 - o Allows for easy coordination with neighboring towns. Coordination is a requirement for overlapping MS4 systems.
 - o Shared database system ensures everyone has the same data and is same language.
 - o Provides for smooth MS4 reviews
 - o Future grant potential to expand: Improve database system to providing reminders and alerts to perform MS4 tasks. Develop reports, and be interconnected.

Mapping Requirements

- Man power is needed for stormwater infrastructure. WestCOG could attempt to achieve grant funding for this effort.
- Determine local watershed boundaries (WestCOG is investigating this).
- DCIA mapping, establish a baseline (WestCOG is investigating this).

Resource Sharing

- Develop an inventory of resources
 - o Sampling equipment, GPS devices, outreach media, best practices.
- MS4 trainings

Regional MS4 RFP

WestCOG can develop a pool of pre-approved vendors for MS4 consulting work.

Bethel Pilot Study

As part of the IDDE process, towns need to identify contributing sources (aka DCIA).

1. Bethel is developing GIS inventory of MS4 system.
2. HVA is sampling outfalls in impaired waters.
3. WestCOG will identify the types of DCIA which contribute to contaminated outfalls.

Case study and results will be reported back to the TAG.

Next Steps

WestCOG serves the towns first and foremost. How do we want to move forward with MS4, and figure out what efforts WestCOG should take on?

- Run all issued through the TAG?
- Through a MS4 sub-committee?
- Web Surveys?

How do you prefer updates?

- Monthly at TAG?
- Monthly Email?
- Reach out with each of you offline?

Any special guest?

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