

Central NY Stormwater Coalition Steering Committee Meeting – June 16, 2010

Present: Kathleen Bertuch (CNYRPDB); David Coburn (Onondaga County); Jim Crow (V. Fayetteville); Tony DeStefano (V. Solvay); Richard Donovan (V. Minoa); Jason Hoy (T. Van Buren); David Kubek (CNYRPDB); Paul Legnetto (Onondaga County); Doug Miller (T. Manlius); Claude Sykes (T. Van Buren); David Tessier (T. Manlius)

The meeting commenced with introduction of Richard Donovan (Mayor, Village of Minoa), who joined the Steering Committee to provide input on the Intermunicipal Agreement and other matters, and to add additional Chief Elected Official perspective.

The “municipal services assessment survey” and cover letter were discussed in detail. The survey is intended to assess opportunities for pooling of resources by municipal highway and public works departments – to evaluate where facilities and equipment are lacking and where they are available for loan. Mr. Sykes suggested that the letter be distributed to the Mayor or Supervisor, Highway or Public Works Superintendent, and the Stormwater Program Coordinator. This will be done with a request that one collective response be provided. The letter and survey will be distributed in hard copy, and an email will also be sent containing a link to an online survey to be completed in the “Survey Monkey” program. Correspondence regarding the survey will emphasize that it is voluntary and does not imply a commitment to a provision of any goods or services.

With regard to the content of the survey, it was recommended that additional lines be added for other equipment/facilities under each category. It was suggested that C&D Landfill be added along with Transfer Station and that it be clarified that a solid waste transfer station is referred to. Under equipment, paint striping equipment was suggested as this can be used for storm drain stenciling.

It was noted that some equipment would likely need to be sent with an operator as part of the deal, and that a generic shared services agreement or statement be developed. Such an agreement would generally need to be signed before equipment is sent. Examples are available from the Cornell Local Roads program or Orleans County. The agreement authorizes an equipment “bartering” process, defines operator coverage, and includes a certificate of insurance. Mr. Crow volunteered to provide an example. Mr. Coburn noted that the County legal department would likely perform a significant review before such an instrument could be used.

It was suggested that the survey and potential agreements or arrangements be discussed at Mayors and Supervisors Association meetings, as well as at the Highway Superintendents Luncheon.

The next discussion concerned the proposal by Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District to offer construction inspection services for SPDES compliance on behalf of the municipalities. The proposal is to be presented on June 22, 2010 at the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board offices. It was noted that enrollment by municipal officials is low thus far. It was indicated that some municipalities are either not sufficiently aware of the program to understand the need for inspection, that they have no money available to contribute, or they are able to meet their

inspection needs through existing staff. CNYRPDB has sent a follow-up email reminding MS4s of the meeting.

Following this item, discussion ensued regarding the County's presentation of the sewershed mapping protocol that they utilized, involving the use of the USGS "Streamstats" program, which is compatible with ESRI GIS software and allows the user to download shapefiles of subwatersheds. Mr. Legnetto noted that the mapping they are completing meets the basic permit requirement to progress with sewershed mapping. Sewershed boundaries were identified using digital elevation mapping prepared in relation to outfall locations. The next Coalition meeting could include a brief demonstration of the protocol by the County. The meeting could be held at the County's Henry Clay Boulevard facilities, since the ARC GIS-equipped computers and projector are available there. Parking is available in the back for 15 to 20 vehicles.

Discussion followed concerning whether the next step in completing the sewershed mapping that would ultimately be required to truly meet the intent of the NYSDEC regulations would be to verify any subsurface connections along the subwatershed boundaries and determine whether the boundaries need adjustment. It was determined that this was the next goal to meet within a longer timeframe.

The final item on the agenda was the beginning of work on an Intermunicipal Agreement to be later adopted by the Coalition. Preliminary efforts to develop a draft document has resulted in the identification of several basic issues that CNY RPDB felt were better addressed prior to releasing the first draft to the Steering Committee for review. Members of the Committee voiced concern about the tight timeframe for finalizing the IMA and strongly urged CNY RPDB to release a first draft IMA as soon as possible. CNY RPDB agreed to provide a first draft document to the Steering Committee members in short order.