

Richland Countywide Stormwater Consortium Meeting Agenda

Tuesday September 15, 2009
1 PM – 3 PM
Richland County Administration Building
2020 Hampton St., Columbia, SC
4th Floor Conference Room

Type of Meeting: Development of Stormwater Education Plan and Decision-Making for the Richland Countywide Stormwater Education Consortium

Meeting Facilitators: Mary Nevins, Clemson Carolina Clear and Keith Anthony, Richland County DPW

1:00-1:10	Welcome & Meeting Purpose	Mary Nevins, Carolina Clear
	Introductions	
1:10-1:40	Outreach Activity Updates	All present
1:40-2:00	Education Plan Updates & Round Table Discussion of Stormwater Outreach in Richland County	Mary Nevins & Keith Anthony, Richland County DPW
		<i>All should participate!</i>
2:00-2:50	Discussion of Recent Meeting with DHEC BOW Regarding Implementation of the Implementation of MCMs 1 and 2, Stormwater Education/ Outreach and Public Involvement/ Participation	Katie Giacalone, Carolina Clear
2:50 – 3:00	Next Steps	Mary Nevins

Notes from the Meeting

Attendance:

Joe Kocy	Richland County Planning
Reginald Hall	East Piedmont Resource Conservation & Development
Hugh Caldwell	Richland Conservation District
Jim Wilson	Richland County Conservation Commission
Shaun Greenwood	Forest Acres
Srinivas Valavala	Richland County Stormwater
Victoria Kramer	SCDHEC BOW
Rebecca Spratlin	SCDHEC BOW
Mary Jane Henderson	Richland Conservation District
Christine Murphy	Arcadia Lakes
Geoff Smith	BP Barber
Jessica Artz	Gills Creek Watershed Association
Keith Anthony	Richland County Stormwater
Karen Kustafik	Columbia City Parks
Mary Nevins	Clemson Carolina Clear
Katie Giacalone	Clemson Carolina Clear

Recent Events:

- Green is Good for Business Conference – Stormwater/Recycling display
- Public Forums on buffers and leaf bagging: Every Thursday in September, two have already been held, and two are upcoming.
- Srinivas and Mary showed photos of rain gardens installed by the County – will update everyone at the next meeting on rain barrels installed at county facilities and airport.
- Joe Kocy and Reginald Hall may be working together on parking lot retrofit to include rain garden

Tools Update:

- Stormwater Hotline magnets finished and distributed
- Year 1 Report complete – don't forget to still report Year 2 activities
- Signs around Richland County – as seen at the County Admin Bldg parking lot – announce to prevent stormwater pollution and call hotline if you want to report a pollution problem
- Educational postcards distributed – can be tailored to Consortium and additional topics can be discussed. There are a few hundred available to begin test-driving these materials.

Upcoming events (details of these events are available on the RCSC website):

- River Sweep: Sept. 19 at Lower Saluda River at Riverbanks Zoo
- Watershed Institute: Sept. 22-25, Columbia
- Gills Creek second clean up: Sept. 26th
- Wheels across the Watershed: Oct. 11, bus tour of the Gills Creek watershed, wine and cheese reception; \$20 per person fundraiser
- Greenways Conference: Oct. 22, Lexington
- Caring for Creation Interfaith Green Conference: Nov. 1, sponsored by Conservation Commission and Conservation District – how faith based organizations can green their property and encourage conservation.
- Bookman Road Elementary Rain Garden: Nov. 7, *New date!*
- Rain Garden in Arcadia Lakes
- RC Administration Building Lobby project – half done: porous pavement in, plants in, wall of fame, rain barrel, pavers, fake house will be set up with rain barrel, solar panels,

- Morning seminar on porous concrete in planning – geared towards contractors; free; Srin and Joe will send out invitations; Thursday before Thanksgiving at Midlands Tech most likely
- Overview of the Stormwater Education and Public Involvement Meeting with DHEC's Bureau of Water Personnel (*Please see attached summary for details*)
- Katie Giacalone provided the consortium with a summary of the meeting. The most important points were:
- The regional decision making process: this approach is acceptable, as long as each MS4 participates actively.
- Target Pollutants: General awareness is important, but should not stand alone as a target pollutant. Programs should target specific pollution issues. Pollutants can be targeted for educational programs even if they are not on the 303d list (i.e. sediment) if they are felt to be of concern. Also, some pollutants on the 303d list cannot be effectively addressed through education (such as arsenic) and do not need to be part of the education plan.
- Target Audience: Youth are a critical audience, but not the only one.
- Decision Process Worksheets provided by DHEC may be helpful, but other forms of reporting (like what we produce) are acceptable as long as they clearly show the decision making and implementation processes.

Resolution Signing/Press Event: Tuesday, Oct 6th at 10am at Richland County Administration Bldg, room not yet known.

- Need high resolution logos from everyone for displays and banner
- Everyone is welcome to create displays for the event
- Mary is working on a banner
- Discussion of speaker: currently have Clemson researchers/leaders on hold, but we can invite a local guest speaker who is a-political and is known for their work protecting water resources.
- New location discussed – perhaps under tent at public works building?

Meeting time update: It was brought to the group's attention that Forest Acres has a conflict with the scheduled meeting time of the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00. The consortium members present agreed to change the meeting time to 10:00 on the second Wednesday of each month. This decision will be submitted to the list serve for feedback. It is our goal to make attending consortium meetings as convenient for as many participants as possible, and that participation by the MS4 representatives takes precedent.

The meeting was concluded at 2:30.