



Chemung County Water Quality Committee

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&
The Chemung County Stormwater Coalition

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

1. Welcome and Communications – Andy Avery called the meeting to order at 10 AM in the Conservation Cabin at the Fairgrounds.

Diane Fiorentino announced that the Clean Sweep applications were available, she had handouts and business cards at the front table.

2. Approval of the July 15, 2009 Minutes –

Water Quality – Mark Watts asked for a motion. On a motion by Dick Gunderman, seconded by Roger Burlew, the minutes were approved as written.

Stormwater Coalition – Andy Avery asked for a motion. On a motion by Mark Watts, seconded by Chris Lawrick, the minutes were approved with the amendment to add Pat Bermingham to the attendance list.

3. Low Impact Development Video Polluted Nonpoint Source Pollution, USEPA – The group viewed a nine-minute video on low impact development produced by the USEPA and the US Botanic Garden. It is planned to put a link to this video on the Chemung County Stormwater and Water Quality Committee web pages.

4. Local Resources

Jessica Verrigni, CPESC, CPSWQ. Stormwater Management Specialist - Jessica Verrigni introduced herself and made a PowerPoint presentation. (See web page for her monthly reports).

Jimmie Joe Carl, PE, Director, Stormwater Team – Jimmie Joe Carl introduced himself and noted that he has been a consulting engineer since 1987. He has focused on water supply, sewage treatment works, and stormwater issues. As the director of the Chemung County Stormwater Team, he has several major priorities: First is to make sure the communities stay in compliance with the MS4 requirements. Secondly, to undertake engineering designs for regional facilities

for communities in the county. For example: the regional detention basin in Big Flats and the Fassett Road drainage issue are two projects that he can help address. The third is to consult with the Chemung County Elmira Sewer District staff as they deal with Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) and other runoff issues.

John Webert, PE, Deputy Commissioner, County/City Public Works, introduced himself and explained that he has been working with local governments, DOT, Ontario County, NY, and communities in North Carolina since 1990. He started his work with the Chemung County / City of Elmira Public Works Department, June 1, 2009. His expertise is bridges. He noted that any structure under 20 feet long will be considered a culvert and will be a local maintenance responsibility. Structures over 20 feet are considered bridges and may be under his authority. There were a number of questions about the definition. John is willing to work with each community to identify and resolve any bridge issues.

5. Next Meeting – A highway training will take the place of the September meeting. The next meeting will be October 21, 2009.
6. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The group remained to enjoy a hotdog BBQ and to get to know each other better.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Fais