



**Urban Stormwater Workgroup
Teleconference
Tuesday, January 20, 2015
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

ACTIONS & DECISIONS

ACTION: Provide feedback on the Urban Tree Canopy Management Strategy to Julie Mawhorter (JMawhorter@fs.fed.us).

ACTION: State contacts will send Norm Goulet (ngoulet@novaregion.org) contact info for a point person from each jurisdiction.

ACTION: Anyone who has outfall stabilization or MS4 outreach research to contribute should submit the information to Mark Sievers, Tetra Tech, Mark.Sievers2@tetrattech.com.

ACTION: Comments and questions on the Impervious Disconnect BMP proposed scope and charge due to Jeremy Hanson (jchanson@vt.edu) by 1/27.

MINUTES

1. Welcome

- USWG members approved the [December 16 conference call minutes](#).

2. Announcements

- DC passed a law to eliminate phosphorus from lawn fertilizer more than a year ago. As a result of that and per the UNM expert panel report, DC is now eligible for a 70% reduction in P levels on its pervious lands. Tom Schueler is working with CBPO Scenario Builder team to make sure this change incorporated so that the District will receive proper credit going forward.
- The Chesapeake Stormwater Network's 2015 BUBBAs submissions are due by 2/15. There is a new category this year for most innovative BMPs outside the Bay watershed.
- The Polynomial Adjustor Curves for retrofits and performance standards have been adjusted and added to the reports and website. They are available here: <http://chesapeakestormwater.net/bay-stormwater/baywide-stormwater-policy/urban-stormwater-workgroup/performance-standards/> and here: <http://chesapeakestormwater.net/bay-stormwater/baywide-stormwater-policy/urban-stormwater-workgroup/retrofits/>.
- MDE Issued 5 MS4 Permits to Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford and Howard counties. These permits are still open for judicial review.

3. Update on Urban Tree Canopy Strategy

- Julie Mawhorter, USFS, gave an [update on the urban tree canopy strategy](#) that the forestry workgroup is in the process of developing.
- Costs of leaf litter and cleanup should be factored in to cost effectiveness.
 - Costs will be part of the expert panel work.
- Norm Goulet: How is FWG planning on engaging local governments?
 - Working through CBP networks, NFWF, finding out where there are gaps to develop new avenues of outreach, webinars, workshops, getting input on what is needed at local level.

- Goulet: Recommend that department of forestry folks talking with the MS4 and stormwater departments in the state agencies.
- USWG members are invited to join Feb. 4th Forestry Workgroup meeting for more information.
- Goulet: Coordination at multiple levels will be key. Look forward to additional information as it moves forward.
- Provide feedback on the UTC Management Strategy to Julie Mawhorter (JMawhorter@fs.fed.us).

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4. Updating MS4 Overlays in Phase 6 of Watershed Model

- Katherine: EPA used MS4 overlays in 2010 to distinguish between NPDES regulated and unregulated stormwater loads. Having this information updated would help if TMDL were revised in future. Asking jurisdictions to update based on corrections, 2010 census, and any non-traditional MS4s. No need to distinguish between Phase I and Phase II in these overlays. EPA has no concerns if jurisdictions or USWG choose to submit more detail, this is just the minimum of what is needed. Either way jurisdiction points of contact needed to work with in updating this overlay.

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5. Update on STAC Workshop on Proprietary BMP Testing in the Chesapeake Bay

- A steering committee has been formed to plan a one day technical workshop to make recommendations for performance monitoring requirements for manufactured treatment devices. Proprietary BMPs are currently not included in the model. The purpose of the effort would be to create a process by which proprietary BMPs could be reviewed and become eligible for crediting. Workshop will be held either in DC or Fairfax, VA on March 23 or 24. Following the workshop, an expert panel will be formed (not a BMP expert panel). A full report will be prepared following the workshop per the usual STAC protocol.

6. Update on Other Expert Panels

- A panel on impervious cover disconnection will be run by Virginia Tech. This will provide financial resources through VT to the panel, and will be one of the first panels under the VT process. [Attach C is the proposed scope and charge](#). Expecting to release the RFP in February.
 - Keeling: How is this BMP different from existing infiltration BMPs?
 - Norm asked workgroup members to submit questions to Jeremy Hanson by 1/27.
- TetraTech will be conducting threshold lit review for both outfall stabilization and MS4 outreach as BMPs to see if there is enough scientific literature on these practices to qualify them as urban BMPs. TetraTech has begun work. Anyone with any information to contribute should submit directly to Mark Sievers (mark.e.sievers@tetrattech.com). Timeline for completion is April to Mid-May.
- The Street Cleaning panel has a meeting this Friday, they will be going over a decision memo outlining the remaining unresolved issues that the panel needs to come to consensus on. Hope to have a first draft of final recommendations by March.
- The Floating Treatment Wetlands panel is expected to have a meeting in February or March.

- The Urban Tree Canopy panel will be facilitated by Virginia Tech. CBW-ROC has awarded funding to the Center for Watershed Protections, and Neely Law will be the panel chair. As soon as it is available, the revised scope of work and panel membership will be sent to CBP groups for approval.

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7. Set February Agenda Items

- Update on VA BMP reporting
- Briefing on BayFAST
- Outreach on Existing Approved Urban BMPs
- IC Disconnection RFP
- MS4 overlay

8. Adjourned

Participants

Norm Goulet, Chair	NVRC
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