

Urban Stormwater Working Group (USWG)

Conclusions and Next Steps

Mon, Aug 8: 1:30 – 3 pm

Conference Call

CONCLUSIONS

Stormwater Public Education

- Anjanette Riley collected current Stormwater education products to do a gap analysis. Found no obvious gaps for the selected target audiences.

Legislative Subgroup update

- Rick Winkel proposed keeping the model of a luncheon with elected officials followed by afternoon sessions for staff.
- IISG to develop accompanying toolkit.
- Will be in Cook County on March 20, 2017.

Tracking Subgroup update

- It would have helpful for MS4s to have a template to report BMP implementation.
- Small projects might be negligible benefit. What would the cutoff be?
- Parks and Forest Preserves are doing projects that MS4s won't capture.

NEXT STEPS

Stormwater Public Education

1. Anjanette Riley to sort education resources by "outcome desired".
2. Mary Mitros to send out the survey questions used in DuPage Co. Will look at these and the USEPA example provided by Carol Hays (<http://www.nippersink.org/Report/NippersinkCkWatershed-PhaseIIExecutiveReport-5-30-14.pdf>)
3. Eliana Brown and Lisa Merrifield to contact Molly Woloszyn, IISG/MCC, about integrating Climate Change information into stormwater education.
4. Nancy Williamson to send out a protocol for resource distribution.
5. Remaining questions: a. Should stormwater education only focus on green infrastructure or contain info about other practices that reduce nutrient pollution? b. How should we proceed overall?

Legislative Subgroup

6. Rick Winkel to contact South Suburban Mayors and Eliana Brown to contact MWRDGC.
7. Carla Blue, IWRC, to work with Lisa Cotner to find a venue.

Tracking Subgroup

8. Cindy Skrudrud to ask Mark Fitz to work with the City of Aurora to develop a MS4 BMP implementation reporting template.
9. Eliana Brown to ask Robin Hall, Director of Office of Recreation and Park Resources to help by providing information about park/forest preserve conversion to perennials in urban areas.

Next call is November 15, 1:30 – 3:00 pm. Let me know if you have any suggestions regarding the calls.