

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Date: November 19, 2019
Meeting Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Written By: Shawn Arden, PE
Client: Portage County

Location of Meeting: Portage County SWCD

Purpose of Meeting: Portage County Storm Water Task Force Meeting

Attendees: Mickey Marozzi – Portage County Engineer
James Bierlair - Portage County SWCD
Eric Long – Portage County SWCD
Lynn Vogel – Portage County SWCD
Taylor Talley - Portage County SWCD
Joe Diorio – Portage County Health District
Amos Sarfo – Portage County Health District
Larry Jenkins - Portage County Engineer's Office
John Trew - Portage County Engineer's Office
Jim Greener - Portage County BOC Alternate
David Garnier - Portage County Prosecutor's Office
Patrick Jeffers – City of Ravenna
John Zizka – Freedom Township
Mike Osborne – Suffield Township
David Pete Einloth – Suffield Township
Brian Langston – Franklin Township
John Kovacich – Atwater Townshp
Shawn Arden - EMH&T

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Listed below are general discussion topics.

1. Eric discussed the items required from the regulated communities for submittal with the OhioEPA NPDES Annual Report.
 - a. Report is due to Ohio EPA by April 1.
 - b. Quarterly storm water inspection reports.
 - c. Maintenance operations report.
 - d. Changes to storm water conveyance systems.
 - e. New employee storm water training.
 - f. Discussed disposal of street sweeping collections in EPA approved facility (not placed in dumpster)
2. Lynn and Taylor provided an update on Public Education activities.
 - a. "Farmsteads" screening December 10.
 - b. Soil Health Partnership December 6 at Deerfield Twsp Hall.
 - c. 2020 Resolve to Reduce: households best practices for reducing waste generation, runoff, and fertilizers. Training sessions held at PCSWCD.
 - d. Grant Education
 - i. Currently working with Ravenna HS
 - ii. Starting work with Rootstown Schools
 - iii. Garfield School designated by ODNR as a Wild School Site. Teacher has received accreditation and school's outdoor learning lab qualified for the

designation. Designation opens additional funding opportunities for the school's educational program.

- iv. Field High School received \$1,000 external funding based on the existing wetland that was established through a PC Stormwater Education Grant.

3. PCHD update

- a. Amos noted this is the final year of the five-year permit cycle. PCHD completed their work program, verifying 989 outfall locations and eliminated 600 outfalls. 1,100 new outfalls were found. Current confirmed outfall total is 2,094. All of the confirmed outfalls from the original database were dry weather screened.
- b. PCHD is working with PCWR to verify where sanitary sewers are available and accessible.
- c. Oakwood Acres (Brimfield) central sewers were constructed this summer. Individual connections are ongoing.
- d. PCHD is working on annual updates to the stormwater system maps. Maps are being distributed to the townships with request for information of new outfalls. Townships are not asked to perform field work, just advise of new locations on the map for PCHD to confirm.
- e. 10 HSTS replaced through WPCLF grant this year. An additional 5 HSTS replacement projects are pending.

4. Open Comments

- a. Are offlot discharges considered as stormwater? Offlot discharges are designed to have an effluent meeting design standards in an approved NPDES permit. These are not an illicit discharge.

5. Next SWTF Meeting: February 17, 2020; 10:00 am; at SWCD Garden Room

The summary provided herein represents the preparer's best understanding of the items discussed during the subject meeting. Please review for accuracy and completeness and advise EMH&T of any errors or omissions within five (5) business days of issuance.

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