



Meeting Highlights
Peconic Estuary Program
Phase II Stormwater Workgroup Meeting
423 Griffing Ave, Riverhead, NY
Wednesday, November 9th 2011
10:00am- 12:00pm

1. Introductions

2. Updates on Horsley-Witten Subwatershed Management Plans (please see attached)

3. Peconic Estuary Funded Homeowner Rebates

- Pilot Program in Southold and Southampton targeting impaired waterbodies of Hashamomuck and Reeves Bay.
- \$50,000 per town
- Rebates to homeowners for rain gardens, downspout re-direction, rain barrel, conservation landscaping and dry wells.
- Jen Skilbred, Kim Shaw and Julie Nace will administer the pilot program.

4. Discussion on "Needs Assessment" for the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) for Stormwater Management.

- Important message – No information will be used for regulation or audits. This survey is meant to collect information so a better IMA can be produced. Towns and municipalities are in charge and will have input at each level. This IMA is meant to lessen the workload of each individual town and municipality.
- This assessment and agreement is meant as a cost-sharing measure (it will leverage money, knowledge and staff) for towns and municipalities to share information to make it easier to meet MS4 permit requirements.
- Many comments were made about how the questions were worded, missing resources, appropriate categories, places for comments, ranking priorities, and making questions more specific. Comments will be incorporated.
- An introductory statement, and cover letter, will be part of this assessment to make it clear this is not a regulatory measure and it would be extremely beneficial to participate.
- Web-based assessment will be ready, with changes, in approximately 2 weeks.
- Completed assessments (only one assessment per town and municipality is needed) are due January 17, 2012.
- We will look into having the new PEP website housing a "stormwater information clearinghouse" for easy access (educational brochures, PSA's, management plans, GIS data, shared resources, MS4 guidance)
- DEC will be offering guidance with watershed improvement strategies.
- Helpful website - <http://www.cwp.org/> (C.O.W – Codes and Ordinances Worksheet can be used to determine whether existing local law impedes policies and practices that would otherwise help advance water quality improvement.)
- This is PEP's first "Peconic-wide" effort and there is much support.
- Contact Carrie O'Farrell, Lorne Brousseau or Eileen Keenan if help is needed filling out assessment.