



Stormwater Education



Because We All Live Downstream...

Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium (LCSC)

December 17, 2008 1:00 PM
Springdale Town Hall

Attendees: See sign in sheets for Consortium member and partners

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Bill Blackston.

The agenda and other materials pertaining to the meeting were handed out at registration table.

AGENDA

1. Introductions of any LCSC members

All members and guest in attendance introduced themselves.

2. Rain Garden Education Workshop

Bill Blackston stated the rain garden workshop and installation was a success. He thanked all of those that helped make it possible. He distributed the surveys from the workshop which received a lot of positive feedback.

3. Logos

Bill Blackston said he had already received 24 votes for the logo and explained that he would have a few ways to send the file to each of us so that we could incorporate into flyers, etc. He stated the voting will end on December 23rd and asked that we do not send the logo to other distribution lists.

4. Mass Media efforts

He stated this will be rolled out in phases across the state with the first ones in the lower part of state at first of the year. He informed members that Richland County has now signed on to be a member of Carolina Clear. He needs input on how we want to give credit to them on commercials and billboards. It was determined it would be okay to have Lexington Richland Stormwater Consortium as long as our logo and name were listed first. Bill informed members that they will be hiring for the position in Richland County but it is still sitting on President Barker's desk. Bill expects mass media to be here in the midlands at the end of January or first of February and that he wants Rosemarie to have a copy of the video for Lexington's public access channel.

5. Education Plan of work

Youth/K-12/Teachers:

Bill Blackston stated 4H2O is ongoing and they are looking for volunteers for this summer programs. Heidi Johnson with Keep the Midlands Beautiful stated she would help get the word out there. Sid Varn stated he had an idea for the pontoon camp and Bill asked him to attend the first planning meeting. Synithia Williams stated they were looking to do “in class” and “after school” programs for kids. She stated the proposed online curriculum would probably be in 2009. Heidi Johnson asked if they were creating a new curriculum. Synithia stated she thinks they will just be expanding on what Clemson already has. Heidi stated there is a lot of information already out there. John Huffman suggested they link-in with recertification for teachers and that there would probably be a lot of takers from science teachers. Synithia asked if forming a task force in 2009 and launching in 2010 sounded okay. People agreed. A suggestion was doing workshops for school board associations.

Elected and Appointed Officials and Staff:

SCNEMO- It was discussed to explore possibility. One was done four years ago with a low-turnout. It was discussed that we should take the education to the elected officials. Natalie McKelvey suggested that the Municipal Association Annual Meeting would be a good chance to have a large audience of participants. It was determined that they would continue involvement with MUCC and LID. Synithia Williams said it would be good to present at a staff meeting with Lexington County to cover staff training.

Professionals:

CEPSCI classes are ongoing, CSPR classes are ongoing; we removed #3 from the plan. Bill Blackston discussed getting college students involved in design work as a project. He stated he would work with Sue Green. Quinton stated he knows of a developer that would be interested in participating.

Homeowners

Synithia stated they hoped to provide stormwater workshops at homeowner association meetings.

6. Other

It was discussed how often we needed to meet. It was agreed we would meet every two months and have an e-newsletter sent with updates for months we did not meet. It was discussed that raingardens would be a good project at schools throughout Lexington County. Bill Blackston asked Quinton Epps to talk about the Lexington Greenways Alliance. Quinton stated he has been working with the group to identify greenways in Lexington County and to determine funding sources to purchase these greenways. John Huffman stated the CMCOG did an inventory of what is out there.

7. Next meeting

It was determined that the next meeting would be February 10th at 1 p.m. in Irmo.