

**MS-4 Meeting
N. Lebanon Twp. Bldg.
Wednesday, April 6, 2011
2:00 pm**

Agenda

- I. **Welcome/Introductions**
- II. **Potential Group Names:**
 - *Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance
 - Lebanon County Clean Water Partnership
 - Clean Water Investment Coalition
 - Clean Water Investment Consortium
 - Clean Water Investment Partners
 - Water Quality Coalition of Lebanon County
- III. **NFWF Grant Pre-Proposal**
 - A. **NRCS Budgeting**
- IV. **Swatara Creek Source Water Protection Steering Committee**
- V. **Goodlatte Amendment** *Jan Bremer - disc of PSOC*
- VI. **Questions/assistance on annual report - TEST KITS (#300 from truck)**
- VII. **Rain Barrel Workshop**
- VIII. **Updating the County Stormwater Regulations**
- IX. **Questions/Comments/Discussion** *PenVEST - sw user rate*
- X. **Next Meeting**

Lebanon County MS-4 Coalition Sign-In Sheet – April 6, 2011

Name	Organization
1. JOHN BRENNER	West Leb Twp.
2. KARL KERCHNER	LCCD
3. Kristen Yeagley (SESL)	West Cornwall, Cornwall, Cleona, Jackson
4. Ken Harding	Swatara Twp.
5. Sheila Wartzoff	NLT
6. ERIC HARMON	LIGHT-HEIGEL / JONESTOWN BORO
7. Robin L. Getz	North Cornwall Twp
8. Cheri Grumbine	North Lebanon Twp.
9. Stephanie Harmon	Lebanon Co. Conservation District
10. ANNE STOTT	PA REP MAURIE GINGRICH
11. Chuck Wertz	LCCD
12. Kris Troup	LCAD
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Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance Meeting
N. Cornwall Twp. Bldg.
Thursday, May 19, 2011
2:00 pm

Agenda

- I. **Welcome/Introductions**
- II. **Goodlatte Amendment**
- III. **Consultants at future meetings** - Dennis Auker - Mechanicsburg - Lycoming Exp webinars
Nathan Walker - AMEC Earth & Env. - Plymouth Meeting
- IV. **Discussion of Draft NPDES Permit info.**
- V. **Questions/assistance on annual report** - disclaimer
- KK update on reports
- VI. **Updating the County Stormwater Regulations**
- VII. **Questions/Comments/Discussion** ✓ Dennis Auker - EPA systematically by County
✓ Update on City/EPA
✓ Don't want to inundate w/ info./emails
- VIII. **Next Meeting**
June 28, 29, 30
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* Clean water Fee

* Kris, Karl, Angie, Steph

* Mission statement - goals - City of Hazleton

Protect & enhance clean water resources in Leb. County

Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance Meeting
N. Cornwall Twp. Bldg.
Wednesday, June 29, 2011
2:00 pm

Minutes

- I. **Welcome/Introductions** – Present: Curt Kulp, Mike Booth, Robin Getz, Karl Kerchner, Angie Foltz, Steve Sherk, Jon Brenner, Jon Poff, Jen Harding, Steph Harmon, Cheri Grumbine, Kris Troup, Jeff Whalen (PA-DEP)
- II. **Meeting Minutes** – It was decided that very basic meeting minutes will be taken at future meetings and distributed to the group shortly thereafter.
- III. **LCCWA Mission Statement** – The following proposed mission statement was introduced to the group. Comments, suggestions and modifications will be discussed at the next LCCWA meeting.

“The Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance is a coalition of government agencies and interested stakeholders providing leadership in the conservation, protection and enhancement of the water resources of Lebanon County.”
- IV. **LCCWA Advertising, logo, website** – Robin Getz, Steph Harmon & Kris Troup meet to discuss an education and outreach campaign for the LCCWA. The concept is to run an advertisement in the Lebanon Daily News once a week, for several weeks. Ad costs are ¼ page - \$410.70, ½ page - \$821.40 & full page - \$1,642.80. Jen Harding suggested checking ad rates for the Merchandiser.

LD News is putting together a logo based on Robin Getz sketches.

A sample webpage, attached to the County’s website, was distributed.

The mission statement, logo and webpage need to be in place prior to the start of any education and outreach program.

Other suggestions were to develop education presentations for the 4-H Fair, Builders Show, Go Greener Expo and the Municipal Officials Convention.

Steve Sherk & Curt Kulp discussed a logo contest for students in art or graphic arts programs.

- V. Financing options** – Karl Kerchner and Kris Troup met in early June to discuss funding option for LCCWA initiatives. They presented two very basic potential programs to the group – 1. A per person tax on everyone over 18 years of age. 2. A fee/tax based upon the amount of impervious area on each parcel. Legally, it makes a huge difference if it is classified as a tax or a fee. Karl and Kris plan to meet with the County Solicitor to discuss the legality of a tax or a fee.

There was considerable discussion on this issue, including a per capita fee that the municipalities would assess. No consensus was reached. After Kris and Karl meet with the County Solicitor, this item will be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

In December 2010, there was an amendment to the Clean Water Act which allows municipalities to require storm water fees be assessed against federally owned roads, buildings and structures.

- VI. LCPD storm water spreadsheet** – For municipalities using the County Engineer for storm water inspections, a spreadsheet of his annual activities (plan approvals, inspections, enforcement actions, etc...), similar to what the Conservation District produces, is being developed and should be ready for the next MS4 annual report cycle.
- VII. Reaching out to ag community & non-point sources** – At LCCWA meetings, we tend to focus on point source discharges. We need to remember to include the agricultural community in our education and outreach.
- VIII. Questions/Comments/Discussion** – On Thursday, July 21st, members of the LCCWA will attend the County Commissioners Meeting to introduce this new group and its purpose. The meeting begins at 9:30 am. Kris will send a reminder email to the group.
- IX. Next Meeting** – A doodle survey will be sent to the group to schedule the next meeting (probably in August). Curt Kulp volunteered to host the meeting at the South Lebanon Township Building.

Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance Meeting
City/County Municipal Bldg.
Wednesday, August 24, 2011
2:00 pm

Minutes

- I. **Welcome/Introductions** – Present: Mike Booth, Robin Getz, Karl Kerchner, Angie Foltz, Steve Sherk, John Brenner, Steph Harmon, Cheri Grumbine, Kris Troup, Jo Ellen Litz, Ray Swingholm, Sheila Wartluft, Michael Schroeder, Gordon Kirkessner, Renee Lehman, Joel Lehman
- II. **Meeting Minutes** – A **motion** was made by Harmon/Sherk to approve the June 29th meeting minutes as distributed. Motion carried.
- III. **LCCWA Mission Statement** – There was considerable group discussion regarding modifications to the proposed mission statement. The amended mission statement, as presented below, will be discussed at the next LCCWA meeting.

“The Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance is a coalition of local agencies and stakeholders interested in the conservation, protection and enhancement of water resources for the people of Lebanon County.”

- IV. **LCCWA Advertising, logo** – Robin Getz unveiled the LCCWA logo, which was developed by the Lebanon Daily News. Suggestions were made to add the “Drains to the Bay” logo to the stormwater inlet and to illustrate rain drops falling and going into the stormwater inlet, rather than water flowing into the inlet.

Kris Troup contacted the Merchandiser to get pricing for the education/advertising campaign. These costs are considerably less than the Lebanon Daily News ad costs. For the education/advertising campaign, the LCCWA should consider utilizing a variety of print sources.

- V. **July 21st Commissioner’s meeting** – Steph Harmon and Kris Troup reported on attending the County Commissioner’s meeting on July 21st. The intent of the visit was to introduce the LCCWA to the Commissioners. However, the focus shifted to the possibility of having to enact a tax to fund the implementation of the stormwater facilities required by the new EPA/DEP regulations.

Commissioner Litz mentioned that the state County Commissioner Association is trying to tackle the issue of unfunded mandates. She needs municipalities to provide details on the financial impacts of the MS4 regulations. Commissioner Litz suggested developing an excel spreadsheet that could be sent to municipalities to gather this information. John Brenner suggested categories for the spreadsheet.

Cheri Grumbine discussed meetings scheduled with Senator Folmer on Sept. 1 & 22.

VI. August 3rd Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Summit – Several people expressed their disappointment with DEP’s Aug. 3rd WIP Summit. DEP will be scheduling meetings with County Planning Directors, Conservation District Managers and municipal representatives to discuss the creation of county-wide watershed implementation plans. These meetings will be held in September, and the county-wide WIP’s will need to be developed and submitted to DEP by December 1, 2011.

VII. County Municipal Officials Convention - Cheri Grumbine is helping to plan the agenda for the Lebanon County Municipal Officials Convention scheduled for October 20th. Cheri discussed the possibility of LCCWA members providing a half-hour presentation on the new MS4 requirements. Volunteers are being sought to assist with this presentation.

Troup distributed a booklet entitled, *“Our Waters, Our Towns – Local Government’s Role in the Watershed Implementation Plans.”*

VIII. Other Business – John Brenner asked if an educational piece could be developed to send to fire companies to explain the importance of cleaning up any drying agents used at the scene of an automobile accident. If the drying agents are not cleaned up, they can be washed directly into the stormwater inlets.

Steph Harmon suggested inviting the Dauphin County Conservation District’s MS4 person (Gil Hirschel) to a future LCCWA meeting for educational purposes. The group concurred that this would be a good idea.

Kris will email a copy of the Chesapeake Bay Network’s Technical Bulletin No. 9 to the LCCWA members. This technical bulletin provides a good deal of technical information, including a nutrient accounting methods to document local stormwater load reductions.

IX. Next Meeting – A doodle survey will be sent to the group to schedule the next meeting. The next meeting will likely be held during the last week in September.