

**Plainfield Township  
Environmental Advisory Council  
September 8, 2015 – 7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – August 17, 2015**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company LLC - AECOM Progress Update**– Act 14 Notification General Permit 8 & 11 Application for the 2015 Pennsylvania Project Anomaly Project – Anomaly Digs #16, 24 and 25
- **PA DEP Growing Greener Plus Grant Update – Little Bushkill Creek**
  - **2013 Grant Progress** – The paperwork was submitted
  - **2014 Grant Progress** – Plan for moving forward in 2015 and 2016
- **Northampton County #213 Rasleytown Road Bridge Replacement Update** – A detailed response letter dated August 6, 2015 was received from Stephen Boone, Project Manager at Borton-Lawson. Mike Kukles reviewed the responses received.
- **Northampton County Farmland Preservation – County/Municipal Partnership Program Update**
- **Comprehensive Map MS4 Sites and Piping Update – Mike Kukles from Ott Consulting Engineers submitted a quote for the Board of Supervisors to consider at the September 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.**

1. Prepare Map for MS-4 Outfalls to be sent to DEP. This includes showing the 48 “outfalls” that have been previously located on the previous map. This will include the Act 167 watershed areas, roads with names, streams with names, flood plains and urbanized areas. This would be similar to the previous mapping and will include the aerial images behind the data.
2. Prepare Detailed MS-4 mapping in Urbanized Areas. Working from previous data collected by KCE, we will prepare larger scale mapping of the Urbanized Areas including individual storm inlets, pipes, channels, end walls, detention basins and other stormwater BMPs, as required by the NPDES Permit. For this permit year (ending 9/30) , we intend to focus on the areas of Woodland Estates (Shady Lane, etc.), School Road, Sportsman Club Road and vicinity (Urbanized Area #1 per KCE mapping). Since this area is where KCE started the process of the detailed mapping, we will continue to gather more details of how the storm sewer systems are connected and display that information within the GIS and on a hard copy map. Although shown on the maps, we do not have the data for the detailed mapping of UA #1 that was previously performed by KCE. This data will need to be obtained by the Township prior to this portion of the work. Please note this does not include field survey to identify and locate additional facilities within the UA, but to provide additional mapping detail for the storm sewer systems.

3. Prepare “working map” for the EAC. This mapping will include every pipe end and outfall (MS4 and Non-MS4) that has been mapped to date within the Township. This will essentially be the MS-4 Outfall Map (for DEP) along with all other pipe ends that have been identified and mapped by URS, ELM and KCE. Currently, there are several pipe end locations (mainly from the 2014 ELM study, Sunoco 1 and Sunoco 2) that we do not have data for. This data will also need to be obtained by the Township prior to this portion of the work.
4. Update Township Laptop. We have included some time for our GIS professional to update the data on the Township Laptop so these 3 projects are accessible to Township staff and volunteers (EAC, etc.)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- **Plainfield Township Biosolids Ordinance** – Regulates septage and sewage sludge
- **Official Map** – Greenway Protection

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

## GRANT AND EVENT INFORMATION

### **GRANTS**

#### **Appalachian Trail Conservancy Conservation Assistance Mini-Grant**

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The Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), along with Audubon PA and the Kittatinny Coalition, is now accepting applications for the ATC Conservation Assistance Mini-Grant Program. The purpose of the mini-grant program is to help local Pennsylvania municipalities through which the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (A.T.) passes, as well as partnering non-profits, to preserve and promote local natural and cultural assets along the Kittatinny Ridge and A.T. In 2015, \$35,000 in grants will be awarded with a required minimum 20% local match. The match may come from any source. Application deadlines are rolling with a pre-application meeting required before application submittal. **The 2015 Round closes on December 31, 2015.**

While priority will be given to plans for municipal conservation assessment or land use action, eligible projects can align with broader goals of successful conservation and trail-related awareness campaigns or planning and protection strategies. These can include ecologic and natural resources; scenic forested, agricultural, or open area viewsheds; heritage or cultural resources; and recreational trails. Funding cannot be used for land acquisition projects.

The ATC and Audubon PA co-lead the Kittatinny Coalition – an alliance of land trusts, environmental organizations, government agencies, and academic institutions working together to conserve the natural, scenic, cultural, and aesthetic resources of the Kittatinny Ridge in Pennsylvania. The coalition's key role is to be a facilitator and leader in projects that preserve and promote the region's natural and cultural assets.

**Funds for the grants come from the National Park Service's Appalachian Trail Park Office and are provided to the ATC through a cooperative agreement.**

### **EVENTS SCHEDULE**

- **The next Regional EAC meeting agenda and meeting date is in progress.**  
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- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF EVENTS** - Saturday, October 10, 2015 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at Northampton Community College Main Campus, Bethlehem Township, PA
  - Contact Ken Zinis, Environmental and Sustainability at: [kzinis@northamptoncounty.org](mailto:kzinis@northamptoncounty.org) or 610-559-3200, ext. 6
  
- **Lehigh Valley Watershed Conference** – Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at the Lehigh University STEPS Building
  - Dorothy Merritts from Franklin & Marshall College will be the conference keynote speaker, addressing how to best approach stream restoration in Pennsylvania after three hundred years of intensive land use

