

February 25, 2011

MAMSWaP Update

1. Rock River TMDL

- a. DNR has information on the Rock River TMDL available at:
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/303d/RockRiverTMDL/> and
http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/303d/Draft_TMDLs.html.
- b. DNR held a public information meeting and hearing on the Draft Rock River TMDL on Dec. 16, 2010, and accepted comments through Feb. 15, 2011. The City of Madison submitted individual comments and comments as part of the larger regional group (led by Paul Kent). These are attached separate documents.
- c. TMDL load allocations (LAs) and waste load allocations (WLAs) are proposed to be distributed throughout 83 reaches (subwatersheds) of the Rock River Watershed. MAMSWaP permitted MS4 areas fall into Reaches 62, 63, 64, 65, and 66. Based on numbers from DNR's December 20, 2010 version on the DNR's web page, proposed "Required Average Annual Percent Reduction of TSS from Baseline Load" percentages range from 0% TSS reduction to 77% TSS reduction beyond the required 40% TSS removal reduction required by NR 151 for MS4s. Converting these numbers results in the following proposed reductions: 86% TSS Reduction for Reach 62 (Pheasant Branch Creek), 40% TSS Reduction for Reach 63 (Spring/Dorn Creek), 77.8% TSS Reduction for Reach 64 (Yahara River, Lake Mendota, Lake Monona), 70% TSS Reduction for Reach 65 (Nine Springs Creek), and 48.3% TSS Reduction for Reach 66 (Yahara River, Lake Waubesa, Lake Kegonsa).
- d. There are 2 different pollutant-trading groups meeting to discuss the ramifications and possibilities for municipalities and treatment plants to buy credits from agriculture. These groups are discussing issues such as the length of time that a single trade would be considered usable, and the trade ratio (i.e., 1 pound of phosphorous reduction needed will require how many to be purchased).
- e. DNR is currently reviewing public comments on the proposed Rock River TMDL. Future updates would be expected to be listed at:
http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/303d/Draft_TMDLs.html

2. Biennial Report

- a. MAMSWaP permittees should be sending their biennial report to Laura Bub by March 31, 2011. Municipalities that are regulated under the MS4 general permit WI-S050075 including the City of Stoughton and Village of Cottage Grove also are to send their MS4 annual report to Laura Bub by March 31, 2011.
- b. You should also be getting any mapping updates to Genesis Steinhorst (gsteinhorst@cityofmadison.com; 266-4059) by **EARLY MARCH AT THE VERY LATEST**.

3. Information & Education Update (submitted by Marcia Hartwig, *Madison Area Municipal Storm Water Partnership (MAMSWaP) Storm Water Education Coordinator*) - **CONSULTANTS AND MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES: Please make this report available to your municipalities**

- a. Garden Expo

Many thanks to those that helped at the Garden Expo. We had 500 brochures for our annual rain garden workshop and handed out all but ~40 of them. We handed out many CDs with rain garden information and many of the brochures that we formerly distributed in paper format.

b. Plant Dane! Cost-Share Program

The Plant Dane! Cost-Share Program is up and running for 2011. The program has been improved by removing the application step. The order form is now electronic, reducing the potential for errors. Participants complete their order online, then print out their order summary and mail it in with a check by May 13, 2011. Plants will be delivered by June 26, 2011. Please be sure to promote this program to all of your residents. The website is <http://www.myfairlakes.com/plantdane.aspx>. Please call attention to the program in your newsletters, on your websites and in any emails that you send to your residents.

c. Retain the Rain! Workshop

This year's annual workshop has been moved to early April instead of late February/early March as it has been for years past. It has also been expanded to include presentations on rain barrels and drip irrigation. The program will also include a tour of the Fen Oak campus highlighting the rain gardens, rain barrels and other features that are part of the teaching gardens. Please be sure to promote this workshop to your residents. Sorry for the long url: http://danedocs.countyofdane.com/webdocs/pdf/myfairlakes/2011_Plant_Dane_workshop_brochure.pdf Also for the first time we are charging \$5 to help cover speakers' fees and refreshments, however, we don't feel this will be an impediment to attendance. The workshop will take place on Saturday, April 9, 2011, here at One Fen Oak Court, Madison, WI.

d. Invoices

2011 Invoices will be sent out in the coming weeks.

e. 2011 Draft I&E Work Plan

The 2011 Draft I&E Workplan is attached. Please review it and get any comments you might have to me.

f. Reminders

- i. Please make sure your municipality's website is linked to myfairlakes.com and to be sure to use the new logo. Let me know if you need me to resend the new logo.
- ii. Follow myfairlakes.com on Facebook!

g. 2011 MAMSWP Meeting Dates (Large Group, *not I&E*)

The Madison Area Municipal Storm Water Partnership meets quarterly, the first Tuesday of February, May, August and November. Unless otherwise specified, all meetings are held in Conference Rooms A&B, at One Fen Oak Court. Future dates:

- May 3, 2011
- August 2, 2011
- November 1, 2011