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Storm Water Advisory and Educational Sub-Committee
November 3, 2014 Agenda

2:30 P.M.

**Fairfield County Utilities Facility – 6670 Lockville Road,
Carroll, Ohio**

1. Welcome
2. Review of 1-15-14 Meeting Notes (see attached)
3. Public Comment Period
4. Update on New MS4 Permit
 - a. Identifying storm water themes for the new MS4 permit (Jonathan Ferbrache)
5. Other Business

November 3, 2014 Meeting Notes

Location: Fairfield County Utilities Office

Present:

Jonathan Ferbrache (Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District), Tommy Springer (Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District), Chad Lucht (Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District), Ed Drobina (City of Pickerington), Scott Tourville (City of Pickerington), Greg Butcher (Violet Township), John Eisel (Violet Township), Don Sherman (Fairfield County Utilities), Denise Crews (City of Lancaster), Holly Mattei (Fairfield County Regional Planning), Loudon Klein (Fairfield County Regional Planning), Steve Deeter (Fairfield Department of Health), Kevin Barlow (Fairfield Department of Health), Kerri Reynolds (Fairfield Department of Health), Billy Phillips (Liberty Township), Kris Thrush (Fairfield County Resident), Bob Maynard (Fairfield County Resident), Paul Kemmerer (Fairfield County Resident), Marsha Phillips (Liberty Township/ Fairfield County Resident).

Jonathan Ferbrache called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

Ed Drobina made motion to accept meeting minutes from 1-15-2014. Seconded by Greg Butcher. Motion passed, minutes accepted.

Public Comments:

Kris Thrush voiced concern over amount of large, metallic debris in stretch of Hocking River through Lancaster starting behind Memorial Drive Kroger downstream to Wagner Rd by gravel pits. She has recorded 92 shopping carts along with miscellaneous debris such as tires, mattresses, furniture, and car parts. She would like to organize a stream cleanup partnering with the City of Lancaster within the corporation limits.

Bob Maynard had some concern over drainage ditch sedimentation and debris buildup affecting flow patterns. Jonathan Ferbrache discussed that during storm water inventories he had been making note of obstructions and/or sediment origins and perhaps the community could develop plans to address them.

Paul Kemmerer voiced concerns about untreated sewage discharges from failing aerator and leach field on-site septic systems. He inquired about Fairfield County Health Department's role in non-MS4 areas of the county. Mr. Kemmerer asked if any type of standardized system was in place for reporting illicit discharges in MS4/non-MS4 communities and if the health department offered testing to detect illicit discharges. He also had concerns about lack of response from the health department on personally submitted illicit discharge complaints.

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conventional sodium chloride/halite rock salt. She also said tests in the Hocking River showed minimal to no increases in salt levels following road salt applications.

Greg Butcher provides the public with an expenditure report on salt usage.

Jonathan and Holly Both stated road salt's effect on the environment is a public concern based more on perception than scientific proof.

Paul Kemmerer had questions about alternatives for conventional halite road salt.

Public education on sewer rights-of-way and leach fields:

Jonathan suggested public education on proper sewer easement maintenance regarding placement of structures, fences, landscaping, etc. Jonathan also inquired about increased marking of rights-of-way.

Don Sherman stated it is policy to notify property owner when any obstructions are noted and provide legal definition regarding easement access (permanent vs temporary structures). Don also referenced Department of Homeland Security concerns over public knowledge of sewage infrastructure.

Denise Crews stated that sewage overflows contribute to bacteria load in water sources and wants to educate the public on homeowner responsibilities for sewage system failure.

Steve Deeter said Fairfield Department of Health is developing an education program for on-site septic systems.

Paul Kemmerer wants more brochures available from the health department explaining on-site septic systems including BMPs for maintenance and emergency/system failure response procedures. Referenced many homeowners leaving moving from central sewer systems to on-site systems and not knowing proper maintenance and operation.

Jonathan offered suggestion of creating county-wide database for all on-site sewage systems to be available to new homebuyers. Also cooperatively create a "homebuyers' guide" regarding sewage systems and have available as an online PDF.

Next meeting date not set at this time.

Motion made to adjourn by Billy Phillips, seconded by Don Sherman, meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

