

Regional Stormwater Education Program Steering Committee Notes

March 1, 2024

Attending: Chip Sawyer, City of St. Albans; July Medina-Triana, St. Albans Town; Dean Pierce, NRPC; Sara Gratz, NRPC; Kent Henderson, FNLC; Bridget Butler, FNLC; Hannah Mahar, FNLC; Lauren Weston, FCNRCD.

1. Introductions

It was established that the purpose of the meeting is to review the 2023 Annual RSEP report and provide an update for activities planned for 2024.

2. Adjustments/changes to the agenda

No adjustments were made.

3. Review notes from December meeting

Notes from the December meeting about revising the MOU were reviewed.

4. Annual Report

Sara Gratz provided an overview of the 2023 RSEP report, discussing key points related to minimum control measures 1-1, 1-2, 1-3A, 1-3B, 2-1, and 2-2. Highlights of the discussion included an update on the maintenance of the Franklin County Stormwater website, followed by an overview of website traffic. Social media outreach was also discussed, noting that 2023 saw an increase in the amount of content that was shared, along with an increase in viewer engagements. Partnerships with other organizations and volunteers were also highlighted, including the Lake Lessons event, a hybrid webinar about green stormwater infrastructure, stream and cigarette butt cleanup events, and the Lake Champlain themed story telling event.

5. Update on activities planned for 2024

Sara gave an update on activities that are being planned for 2024, which include a rain barrel workshop, a webinar about the Stream Wise program, stream cleanups, cigarette butt cleanups, and possibly an April Stools event.

6. Updates/Comments

A discussion followed regarding the timing of the events planned for 2024, particularly April Stools. It was determined that it would be most helpful to Saint Albans if the April Stools event

could happen after the solar eclipse on April 8th, which is expected to bring a large influx of visitors into the region.

7. Date for next meeting

Sara will send out a poll to committee members to select the next meeting date for some time in June or July.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.