Regional Stormwater Education Program Partners Meeting

November 13, 2026

Minutes

Participants: Lorna Peters, Dean Pierce, Chip Sawyer, July Medina-Triana, Bridget Butler, Gracie Grimes

I. Welcome

Lorna opened the meeting at 11:02am.

II. Adjustments or Changes to Agenda

No adjustments were made to the agenda. Lorna noted that point V should say "Proposed 2027 Events".

III. Program Updates

Lorna gave a short update on the past three months of RSEP programming. NRPC had success with the final stream cleanup in August and is excited about the potential to continue working with regional Scouting troops. Facebook promotion has continued through the fall and engagement continues to be a challenge, but through consistent posting and engaging with seasonally-relevant topics, NRPC hopes to increase numbers.

IV. Webinar Progress

Lorna provided a few topic suggestions for 2027 webinars. Driveway maintenance and impervious surfaces on residential properties is a potential topic, especially with LCBP grants for partners to complete driveway culvert installation. Lawn care could be another potential topic, focusing on the use of/alternatives for pesticides and fertilizers and attention to leaf litter in the fall.

With the anticipated start of a state-wide stormwater site assessment program and LCBP funding to partner organizations for these assessments, the group agreed that a webinar on stormwater site assessments would be beneficial. This could also be a good way to publicize the stormwater site assessments NRPC hopes to do in 2027.

The final topic discussed was a webinar on the impact of climate change on stormwater, and the ways in which stormwater infrastructure can build more resilient communities.

V. Proposed 2026 Events (Work Plan)

a. Stormwater Site Assessments

Lorna reached out to FCNRCD about the potential for subcontracting out stormwater site assessments as part of RSEP, but FCNRCD is at capacity for their site assessments. They offered for NRPC to accompany them on a site visit to learn about the process. With this, NRPC will be doing in-house stormwater site assessments for RSEP in 2027.

b. Lake Lessons Alternative

Dean brought up the potential to sponsor a school for the Envirothon event as an alternative to Lake Lessons. Envirothon is held every May and organized by the Winooski NRCD. Lorna will reach out to the contact listed for the Winooski NRCD to see if this would be needed on their end.

c. Storytelling Event

The Storytelling Event will take place as it has in the past, likely with more coordination being done by NRPC. A call for storytellers will go out earlier in the year to hopefully attract and retain more speakers.

VI. 2027 Budget

No changes were made to the budget for this year, though Dean noted that costs have gone up with full-time NRPC staff taking over program organizing instead of an Americorps member. No changes were made to the full requested amount. The 2027 budget was approved.

VII. Other Comments

No other comments were made.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was set for February 4th at 1pm.

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.