



ISWG Meeting Notes

March 21, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. | **Hybrid Meeting**

Member	Representative	PY3 Budget
Biddeford	Tom Milligan	Y
Cape Elizabeth	Jay Reynolds	Y
Cumberland	Laura Neleski	X
Falmouth	Justin Early	Y
Freeport	Adam Bliss	Y
Gorham	Ethan Moskowitz	Y
Old Orchard Beach	Mike Foster	Y
Portland	Doug Roncarati	S,Y
Saco	Joe Laverriere	Y
Scarborough	Jami Fitch	Y
South Portland	Fred Dillon	M,Y
SMCC	Jen Otenti	Y
USM	Cara Belanger	Y
Westbrook	Lynn Leavitt	Y
Windham	Gretchen Anderson	X
Yarmouth	Steve Johnson	Y

M=Motion; S=Second; A=Abstain; Y=Yes; N=No; X=Absent

General Announcements

- May meeting will be held at CCSWCD office in Windham

MMA Legislative Updates

- **CCSWCD Follow Up:** Send Amanda MS4 factsheet
- [LD1787](#): Resolve, DACF to convene a stakeholder group to overhaul and modernize state subdivision statues, need municipal planners; has a fiscal note to add staff to DACF for this task
- [LD772](#): Act to vest rights for land use permit applicants; amendment added about housing
 - Since bill has been on the floor, would need to send a letter to local representative
- [LD1976](#): Act to update growth management program laws; encodes changes in comprehensive plans about conserved lands, critical natural resources, other; divided report out of committee OTP as amended
- [LD2253](#): Authorize DEP to issue stop work orders regarding an activity that creates substantial adverse impact to protected natural resource; OTP as amended
- [LD1570](#): Create stormwater infrastructure repair and replacement fund; ONTP
- **ISWG Follow Up:** Review bills and send any questions to Amanda

DEP Updates

- Permit administration
 - No updates on PY1 annual report comments, annual report template, or audits
 - EPA held a meeting with state officials, they're still looking into who will be designated new MS4
- LID ordinance permit modification
 - Proposed permit modification open for public comment through April 18
 - Implementation deadline extended through October 1, 2025, relying on Chapter 500 process to provide LID standards for permit & ordinance
 - Expecting LID standards to be in front of the Board in June, Gregg will be coordinating with Kerem



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- Some communities must put ordinance on municipal ballots to approve, need timeline extended to after November 4, 2025, otherwise the ordinances must be ready for elections this fall
- State & Federal permittees, will be complying with existing Appendix F, permit not reopened
- Draft Revised Maine Construction General Permit
 - Current MCGP standards are embedded in permit, permittees will be held to those standards during this permit period, still beneficial to cross check new standards for future applications
 - Open for comment through April 19:
<https://www.maine.gov/dep/comment/comment.html?id=12502251>
- Stormwater/NPS Planning SRF applications are due April 8:
<https://www.maine.gov/dep/water/grants/SRF/cwsrf/index.html>
 - \$50,000 available for Stormwater Projects (Stormwater Asset Mgmt plans and SW Utility Development)
 - \$150,000 available for other NPS project categories
- 2024 5-year recert letters going out end of March, DEP looking into enforcement process for permit holders who have demonstrated a lack of compliance
- Chap 500 <https://www.maine.gov/dep/land/stormwater/ch500.html>
 - Technical committee split into subcommittees to focus LID standards, groundwater recharge

PY3 Budget

- Municipal: \$14,491.40; Nested: \$5,651.65
- Permit negotiations and training over past 4.5 years = \$128,683 ISWG funds; the highest amount in one permit year was PY8 = ~\$44,500, current carry forward is ~\$46,300. The municipalities were also invoiced separately by GPCOG for additional money during this time.
- There were also two Maine Coastal Community grants used to prepare the ESC ordinance and the model LID ordinance:
 - 2020 grant amount (ESC): \$32,550
 - 2021 grant amount (LID): \$35,245
- Fred motioned to approve the PY3 budget as written, Jodie second. Discussion: Steve advocates to keep the carry forward in place. Motion passed with supermajority.

PY2 Check-in

- Awareness
 - **Public:** General Stormwater Ad Uploaded to Google Ads (Google Ad Grant), 90-day Instagram ad (in progress); TBM website December & June (created new chloride page); 12 Instagram posts (completed: posted and scheduled, each month)
 - **Contractors:** Workshop completed (completed in September-19 attendees, 17 were new certs); 90 days Google ad & Facebook ad (in progress-running second part of ad in spring); TBM website December & June (updates made to #1 water pollutant page); Winter BMP factsheet (in progress)
- Behavior Change
 - **(25-34)** 12 Instagram posts (complete); 3 Instagram videos (in progress-2 uploaded); 3 events (in progress); branded dog waste bags (in progress)
 - **(35-55)** 3 30-day Facebook ad (in progress); 12 Facebook posts (in progress); 3 events (in progress); branded bags (in progress)
- Chloride



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- Private contractor education (completed); Reached out to MEMIC about messaging, no reply
- Community education: 12 Meta posts (complete); 90 days social media ad(s) (in progress)
- [2023 Salt Summit Recording, Adirondack Road Salt Reduction Task Force Assessment and Recommendations](#), Maine Local Roads Winter Maintenance Trainings
 - **ISWG Rep Action Item:** Send Ali proof of training participation (South Portland, Westbrook)
- YardScaping
 - Facebook targeted ads for each stream (in progress), postcard mailer (in progress), point of sale products and vegetative buffer plants (in progress), workshop follow up surveys (completed)
 - Workshops: From Lawns to Landscapes workshops @ Scarborough Public Library 4/23, Old Orchard Beach/Saco Adult Ed on 5/9, Thomas Memorial Library (Cape Elizabeth) 5/23
 - Yarmouth and Westbrook workshop requests
- Municipal Outreach
 - IDDE training video: <https://vimeo.com/787001158>
 - Council training video: <https://youtu.be/yomln8FNUE8>
 - GHPP training video: <https://youtu.be/cdHwG-CwduM>
 - Leadership factsheets
- Classroom Education: Falmouth coordination in progress, all other schools scheduled or completed
- MCM 2 events
 - April: Gorham Cleans Up, USM Spring Clean Up, South Portland/SMCC April Stools Day
 - May: Biddeford/OOB/Saco/Scarborough HHW
 - June: Westbrook Together Days, Portland Clean Water Week, Windham SummerFest
 - **CCSWCD Follow Up:** Ali will contact each municipality to confirm information & marketing needs; need to coordinate with Freeport staff to continue event coordination
 - **ISWG Rep Follow Up:** Market event through municipal website and social media, need to track event description, marketing posted to municipal website & socials, and event attendance/outcomes

Partner Updates & General Discussion

- Stormwater Conference agenda and registration will be available soon
- Rutgers University (NJ) Green Infrastructure Champions Program ([Free Registration](#), must attend at least 5 classes for certification):
 1. Green infrastructure projects for schools (Friday, Mar. 22)
 2. Retrofitting traditional detention basins with green infrastructure (Friday, Apr. 5)
 3. How to design and build a rain garden (Friday, Apr. 19)
 4. Developing green infrastructure master plans for an entire site or neighborhood (Friday, May 3)
 5. Using green infrastructure to promote climate resiliency (Friday, May 17)
- Portland LID scorecard
 - Working with planning dept to incorporate tool with phase 2 of recode, aiming for July 1, goal is to help development during planning process to incorporate environmental practices
 - Meant to work with current Chap 500 and revisions
 - Lake George LID Certification program used a model <https://lidcertification.org/certification>
 - Natural resource protection requirements were given significant scores, if site is challenging, developers will need to implement more tools in order to hit minimum score
- Adam-Last day at Freeport, new position at VHB with Scarborough Water Resources Engineering Team



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- South Portland: Lining sections sewer mains in Willard Beach watershed to hopefully reduce IDDE
- Portland: Clean Water Week (first full week of June) events at Children's Museum with Enviroscape, Portland Public Library author event, Sagamore Village tour of 32 GI installations, PWD is donating rain barrels, FOCB storm drain stenciling and stream clean up
 - Portland Parks & Rec, Water Resources, Legal, and Sustainability Departments are coordinating on pet waste education and enforcement
- Public Comment from Jamie Willy (Portland Resident, previous PWD Trustee): Stroudwater River dam removal impacts to water quality and habitat improvements; removal could increase Fore River baseline water quality
 - City of Portland is still evaluating Stroudwater dam

Upcoming:

4/8 DEP SRF applications due

4/21 Gorham & USM-Gorham Spring Clean Up (MCM 2 Event)

4/22 USM-Portland Spring Clean Up (MCM 2 Event)

4/23 YardScaping: From Lawns to Landscapes workshop @ Scarborough Public Library 6-8 PM

4/27 South Portland & SMCC April Stools Day (MCM 2 Event)

5/9 YardScaping: From Lawns to Landscapes workshop @ OOB High School 6-8 PM

5/11 Biddeford/OOB/Saco/Scarborough HHW @ Scarborough Public Works (MCM 2 Event)

5/23 YardScaping: From Lawns to Landscapes workshop @ Thomas Memorial Library 6:30-8:30 PM

5/16 May ISWG Meeting @ CCSWCD OFFICE

6/3-6/7 Clean Water Week Portland MCM 2 Event series

6/22 Windham Summerfest (MCM 2 Event)

9/5-9/6 Maine Stormwater Conference