

Stormwater Workgroup
Tuesday, December 9, 2008
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Individuals Present:

Ross Gordon (AECOM); Tina Peterson (CDM); Steve Hupp (HCPHES-EPH); Scott Saenger (Jones & Carter); Stacy Pentecost (TCEQ); Bruce Heiberg (BPA); Carolyn White (HCFCD); Philip Moore (Montgomery County); Mary Purzer (AECOM); Jim Robertson (CCFCC); Craig Maske (Dodson/HCEC); Stacy Pentecost (TCEQ); Nicole Hausler (PHA); Catherine Elliott (HCFCD); Dorene Hancock (COH); Mitchell Page (Schwartz, Page & Harding, LLC)

H-GAC Staff Present:

Rachel Powers; Erin Anderson

Brainstorm Session:

- Add a column in the table for stormwater facilities before the causes/sources column.
Reasoning: Bacteria sources will have different implementation activities to remediate at different stages.

- Facilities to add to the list:
 - Streets
 - Gutters
 - downspouts (Disconnecting the downspouts could be a part of a stormwater plan.)
 - Roof (Or roof, downspouts, and roof gutters could be categorized as private connections or collections. This could also apply to privately owned parking lots and the drainage systems there.)

- There is currently not a feasible mechanism to control stormwater and implement BMPs in unpermitted communities.
Discussion: TCEQ could impose Phase II regulations on them. Commissioner's court in rural areas operates on what is **mandated**, not just **recommended**. Even with a Phase II permit they will still have to go to the legislature to get the authority to enforce/regulate. This is what Harris County had to do.
Recommendation: Submit a bracketed bill to the legislature for the counties involved in the regional TMDL to obtain regulatory powers over stormwater discharges. Counties should have the option to adopt the procedures or not.

- Implementation Activities could be divided into existing, planned, and potential activities. Those three groups could further be divided into legislative, educational, and structural.

Homework:

- H-GAC staff will send the table to the workgroup members so that they can fill in appropriate Implementation Activities.
- Workgroup members are to return the filled in table to H-GAC by December 26th.
- By the end of January the workgroup needs to have a list of Implementation Activities.
- At the next meeting the group will discuss prioritization, how the most important activities will be chosen.

Next meeting:

Thursday, January 15, 2009, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, H-GAC, Conference Room B