



Stormwater Coalition
July 17, 2025– 1:00 -2:30 p.m.
TMACOG Boardroom
Toledo, Ohio

Attendance:

Matt McFadden, Matt Miles, Eric Barnes, Edith Kippenhan, Lorie Haslinger, Jim Ludwig, David Bench, Andy Hohlbein, Josh Hollinger, Bob Bethel, Mike Hill, Kylie Nissen, Josh Belknap, Amanda Gamby, Rachel Sizer, Dave Kuhn, Lauren Rush, Kip McDowell, Mike Moulton, Kelly Moore, Lynette Hablitzel, Alexa Kessler, Tiffani Petry, Brittany Klockowski, Madi Christoff
TMACOG Staff: Kari Gerwin, Tiara Davis, Melissa Hopfer

Welcome

Edith Kippenhan, Chair of Stormwater Action Group, City of Toledo, announced that due to unavailability of the Chair and Vice-Chair, she would be chairing the meeting. She began with a welcome and reminded everyone to please sign in for our records.

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Edith Kippenhan stated that a quorum was reached. She asked for comments or corrections on April 17, 2025, meeting minutes. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Mike Moulton, Middleton Township, *moved to approve*, Matt Miles, City of Maumee, *seconded*. **Motion carried.**

Stormwater Coalition Dues for 2026

Tiara Davis, TMACOG, gave an overview of the 2026 dues, including the 2.5% annual increase described in the dues structure approved in April 2024. Following approval by SWC, invoices for dues will be sent out in November.

Edith Kippenhan asked for a motion to approve the Stormwater Coalition Dues for 2026 as presented. Matt McFadden, Lucas County, *moved to approve*, Dave Kuhn, City of Northwood, *seconded*. **Motion carried.**

The Delta Institute: Resources for Green Infrastructure

Edith Kippenhan introduced Willy Pevec, Environmental Finance Center Lead, Delta Institute and Will Kort, Nature-Based Climate Solutions Specialist, Delta institute.

Willy Pevec gave an overview of the Delta Institute and Will Kort talked about different types of green stormwater infrastructure and some of the barriers communities experience when trying to implement green infrastructure. Through a Great Lakes Protection Fund Grant, Delta Institute provides no-cost technical assistance to small and mid-sized communities to plan, fund, and implement green infrastructure. Communities interested in participating in the pilot program are encouraged to contact Delta ASAP. Communities selected for participation are asked to provide feedback and insights throughout the process. The program runs through the

end of 2026. Additionally, Delta Institute provides technical assistance services to communities through the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) which is administered by the Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP).

Small MS4 Permit Renewal ESO Update

Early stakeholder outreach comments on the MS4 permit renewal were due Friday, July 18. Tiara Davis shared the comments compiled by members of Stormwater Action Group and Stormwater Coalition. Members are in favor of including chloride reduction as an education theme in the permit. The comments also suggest that the Ohio EPA provide options and some flexibility around how public education, outreach, and involvement performance metrics are tracked. Members included in their comments that requiring MS4s to track independent salt applicators and enforce rules to address road salt storage and handling would be challenging for communities to do effectively and would provide little reduction in chloride run-off. The EPA should consider a different approach such as developing an applicator permitting or certification program. Finally, the comments included a request for clear guidance on who qualifies to be a SWP3 inspector.

Staff Report

Tiara Davis reviewed the list of training topics for the Municipal Inspectors and Contractors training taking place in March 2026. She asked if anyone would be interested in presenting on the topics that do not yet have committed speakers. Tiara also mentioned that the Water Quality Department will be taking on some of TMACOG's air quality work.

OEPA Update

Lynette Hablitzel shared that in addition to preparing for the 2026 Small MS4 permit renewal, Ohio EPA is working to update reporting forms and making the STREAMS system more streamlined.

Member Update

Edith Kippenhan, City of Toledo, shared that the Bandore Park restoration project went from a stream restoration project to a stream realignment project but will be completed soon. Folks are invited to see the project in its final construction phases.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn:

Amanda Gamby moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m.