**Community Innovation Challenge (CIC) Stormwater Symposium**

Thursday, August 7, 2014

10:00AM to 2:00PM

Central MA Regional Planning Commission

2 Washington Square, Union Station, Worcester, MA

**9:30-10:00** Registration and Welcome

*(Tim Dodd, CIC Program Manager, Office of Administration & Finance)*

**10:00-11:00** **Overview of the Clean Water Act and MS4 permitting in Massachusetts**

*(Newton Tedder, Environmental Scientist, US EPA)*

**11:00-12:00** **Massachusetts’ Stormwater Coalitions: Review of Existing CIC Grant-Funded Efforts to Develop MS4 Compliance Tools**

*Aubrey Strause, (Verdant Water, PLLC; Central MA Regional Stormwater Coalition [CMRSWC] Facilitator)*

**12:00-12:30** **Lunch** *\_(provided)*

**12:30-1:00** **Central MA Regional Stormwater Coalition: Providing the Building Blocks for future Stormwater Coalition success**

(*Aubrey Strause)*

**1:00-2:00** **Panel Discussion: Understanding the New MA MS4 Permit- Substantial Changes, Opportunities for Regionalization & Flexibility, and the Largest Potential Challenges**

Moderator: Robin Craver, Town Administrator, Town of Charlton & CMRSWC Founder

Brad Stone, Town Engineer, Town of Shrewsbury; CMRSWC Steering Committee Newton Tedder

Aubrey Strause

*(see reverse for Information on Today’s Speakers)*

**Background on Today’s Speakers**

**Newton Tedder** is an environmental scientist with a masters degree in Geology and over 10 years of experience in hydrology and hydrogeology in the public and private sector. He currently serves as the lead permit writer for the New Hampshire and Massachusetts Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permits at EPA Region 1.

**Aubrey L. Strause P.E.** is the owner of Verdant Water, PLLC, a wastewater and stormwater consulting firm. Already working with several of the CMRSWC communities when the first CIC Grant application was made available, she helped design the CMRSWC work plans, developed technical products, and co-wrote CIC grant applications for the group’s FY2012 through FY2014 work. She has closely tracked the development and evolution of MS4 Permits in New England since 2009. She is 2014 Co-Chair of the New England Water Environment Association’s Stormwater Committee and is the 2014 President of the Maine Water Environment Association.

**Robin Craver** is one of three Town Administrators that identified the Community Innovation Challenge Grant as a vehicle to create an effective, efficient program to help multiple communities achieve a common goal, and invested her time in writing each of the group's CIC Grant applications. Her role as a champion of the CMRSWC was borne from frustration about municipal budgets that never seem large enough to satisfy multiple infrastructure management challenges and protect the community's interests in a regulatory environment that continues to expand. She has been a core member of the CMRSWC's Steering Committee from its inception in 2011.

**Robert D. McNeil III, P.E.** is a registered Professional Engineer in Massachusetts, Rob serves on the Board of Directors for both the New England Chapter of the American Public Works Association and the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District and is the Director of Public Works in Millbury, MA. He has been a core member of the CMRSWC from its inception and an advocate for creating resources and products that save the Coalition members time and money, making it easier to comply with MS4 Permit requirements.

**Brad Stone** is the Town Engineer responsible for Stormwater Coordination in Shrewsbury, a CMRSWC founding community. In this role, he reviews proposed development plans to ensure that stormwater management regulations are followed, and that water resources and wetlands are protected. As the municipal official primarily responsible for compliance with the MS4 Permit, water quality monitoring, IDDE, and municipal good housekeeping, he will provide the technical municipal perspective on the evolving MS4 Permits. Brad is a member of the CMRSWC Steering Committee.