

Members

- Ashland
- Auburn
- Charlton
- Dudley
- Fitchburg
- Framingham
- Grafton
- Holden
- Hopkinton
- Leicester
- Lunenburg
- Marlborough
- Millbury
- Natick
- Northbridge
- Northborough
- Oxford
- Palmer
- Paxton
- Rutland
- Shrewsbury
- Southborough
- Southbridge
- Spencer
- Sterling
- Sturbridge
- Upton
- Uxbridge
- West Boylston
- Westborough

## CMRSWC offers free workshops

### People GIS workshop February 13 & 14, 2019

Several member communities participated in the People GIS workshop hosted in Holden on February 13 & 14, 2019. Member communities using People GIS for stormwater mapping and inspections received instruction on how to use the latest products.

### SWMP workshop February 27, 2019

Over a third of member communities participated in this workshop to help prepare written Stormwater Management Plans (SWMPs). SWMPs are required to be complete by June 30, 2019. Each participant was provided a template with the majority of their information completed.

### IDDE workshop April 24, 2019

This workshop provided training on outfall investigation and sampling requirements under Minimum Control Measure 3—Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE). Participants got practical experience inspecting outfalls and catch basins/manholes and using test kits and meters.



The SWMP workshop hosted at Auburn on 2/27/19



The IDDE workshop hosted in Framingham on 4/24/19

## Annual Survey

Over half of member communities participated in a CMRSWC annual survey to evaluate needs for MS4 compliance.

In terms of funding, many communities (over 38%) currently spend less than \$100,000 annually for per-

mit compliance. Future operating budgets are often expected to double. Almost 70% expect to spend over \$250,000 annually in future years. **Almost a quarter of respondents expect to spend over \$1M annually in the future for permit compliance.**

**77% of respondents anticipate needing to hire additional staff to comply with the permit.**

Two CMRSWC members (Shrewsbury & Ashland) have stormwater enterprises, with first bills being issued in July 2019.



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Steering Committee meeting, Lunenburg—May 8, 2019
- End of Year 1 for permit—June 30, 2019



CMRSWC Steering Committee members enjoyed a productive meeting on January 9, 2019, graciously hosted by Treehouse Brewery in Charlton, MA.

## CMRSWC awarded \$25K grant

CMRSWC was awarded \$25,000 from MassDEP under the MS4 Municipal Assistance Grant program that helps cities and towns meet current stormwater permitting requirements.

This project will develop MS4-permit Standard Operating Procedures and templates (collectively called SOPs) to be incorporated into MS4 municipalities' written Stormwater Management Programs. These SOPs will help meet Year 1 and 2 requirements, which are due to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by June 30, 2020. Once developed, the SOPs will be made available on CMRSWC's website and can be used by all MS4 permitted communities. The proposed SOPs will include a Catch Basin Inspection and Cleaning SOP, written winter road maintenance procedures, and written Operations & Maintenance procedures for parks and open spaces.

## Tech Committee Corner

The Tech Committee continued to maintain and update the new CMRSWC website, which has increased usage. The increased volume, as well as diversity, of visitors is encouraging. Survey respondents listed the website as the most helpful tool the coalition provides.

The Tech Committee continues to evaluate whether the coalition should invest in upgrading equipment for mapping and sampling that can be shared amongst members.

## Public Ed Committee Update

CMRSWC sponsored two Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) student projects in April 2019. One project evaluated Year 1 of the Think Blue Massachusetts public education campaign. The other project developed a 5th grade curriculum working with Shrewsbury, Holden, Charlton, and Hopkinton public schools.

CMRSWC volunteers (Todd Girard from Charlton, Angela Panaccione from Palmer, and Kerry Reed from Framingham) presented at the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners annual conference in Worcester in March 2019. CMRSWC also spoke at the Massachusetts Congress of Lake and Pond Associations (MACOLAP) annual meeting in April 2019.



Celebrating Earth Day in Holden with the Enviroscope.

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