

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

MINUTES: September 29, 2008

MEMBERS (E&E): Chair: Abinanti; Legislators: Harckham, Maisano, Myers, Nonna, Rogowsky

IN ATTENDANCE: STAFF: C. Crane; GUESTS: B. Randolph (CEO); G. D'Agrosa (Water Agency); A. Jaffee Holmes (GNC), S. Porcino (Ardsley Env't. Comm.)

Meeting called to order at 3:35 pm.

Item(s) Discussed: **Update on New York State MS4 Stormwater Program**

Chair Abinanti opened the meeting with a discussion of the MS4 stormwater permits, and requested an update from Ms. D'Agrosa. Upon query by Chair Abinanti, Ms. D'Agrosa provided a description of the Westchester County Water Agency. The Committee discussed new drinking water requirements for public utilities or companies supplying water (e.g., filtration plant, NYC ultraviolet treatment plant).

Ms. D'Agrosa then described the status of the New York State MS4 permit program, including the extra provisions for municipalities in the New York City watershed. The Committee discussed various MS4 permit requirements. Leg. Harckham and Ms. D'Agrosa noted the Northern Westchester Watershed Committee's current review of forming a regional stormwater entity (RSE). Chair Abinanti expressed interest in forming a county stormwater agency/district to assist in MS4 permit administration and compliance. Ms. Porcino described Village of Ardsley's efforts to comply with its MS4 permit, and noted the large contribution of volunteers in these efforts. Ms. Jaffee Holmes also noted that some communities may not have volunteers to perform such tasks and that the required recordkeeping and reporting is becoming increasingly complex.

Upon the motion of Leg. Myers, seconded by Chair Abinanti, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm.

[audio recording of the meeting is on file]