

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

MINUTES: October 15, 2007

MEMBERS (E&E): Chair: Abinanti; Legislators: Kaplowitz, LaMotte and Myers.

IN ATTENDANCE: STAFF: C. Crane; GUESTS: D. Kvinge, C. Anderson [WCDP]; C. Manfredi [FCWC]; L. Wilson [NYAFEC]; M. Solomon [NYSTLA]; J. Knutson; [list of other attendees on file].

Meeting called to order at 3:26 pm.

Item(s) Discussed: E&E Item Nos. 141, 142, 143 – **MS4 – Phase II Stormwater Education and Outreach Program Implementation** (proposed acts)

Chair Abinanti called a recess of the Committee, and the meeting was called back to order at 4:10 pm.

The Committee reviewed proposed legislation for the county to accept matching grant monies from NYS to assist in the development of a stormwater outreach and education program, including an informative Internet web-site. Development and implementation of this program helps fulfill obligations on public participation and education for permittees under the MS4 Phase II stormwater permit (county and all county municipalities are permittees). The proposal also includes intermunicipal agreements with municipalities that would assist in program development and help contribute matching funds.

After describing the proposed legislation, Mr. Kvinge and Ms. Anderson discussed various provisions of the legislation with the Committee. Mr. Manfredi provided comment about the MS4 permit program and the proposed legislation. The Committee requested that the legislation be further reviewed and revised to address the points of discussion.

Chair Abinanti distributed comments addressed to Committee members by Mr. John Knutson regarding proposed legislation to regulate phosphorus content in lawn fertilizer.

Leg. LaMotte informed the Committee of the recycling program in Seattle that was recently described by the New York Times (copies distributed to Committee members after the meeting).

On the motion of Leg. Myers seconded by Leg. Kaplowitz, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting (all in favor). The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

[audio recording of meeting is on file]