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Center Welcomes New Advisory Committee Members

When the Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center was formed, center staff needed a means to obtain input from various groups targeted for training. The most efficient means to do this was to form an advisory committee made up of representatives of these groups. Committee members provide information as to the types of training that is needed as well as where partnering opportunities are possible. The committee also advises the Center as to the best times to schedule the training as well as what media to use in advertising the programs. The types of information the committee provides is critical to the success of the Center's training initiatives. We truly appreciate the effort these volunteers have made to attend committee meetings and provide their expertise.

Several new members have recently joined the Advisory Committee and the Center would like to take this opportunity to recognize them:

Bob Laroche, a Landscape Architect from the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT), joined the Committee last year. Bob is a member of MDOT's Office of Environmental Services and has been an instructor at the Center's Erosion Control courses. **Morten Moesswilde**, representing the Maine Forest Service, joined the committee this past summer. Morten, will advise the Center on forestry training



issues. **Clyde Walton**, who was an original member of the committee when it was formed, as well as an erosion control course instructor, left the committee briefly when he retired from state service. He has now come back representing the Maine Congress of Lake Associations. **Michael St. Peter**, director of the State's Certified Logging Professional Program joined the committee this past summer. Mike will also provide advice on forestry training issues as well as possible partnering opportunities with his program. **Paul Gregory and Gary Fish** of the Pesticides Control Board, are also new members who joined this past summer. They are involved with education activity concerning pesticide use and have promoted partnering on these activities.

The remaining committee members include **Dan Shaw**, representing the Maine Aggregate Association; **Richard Baird**, representing the Natural Resource Conservation Service; **John Butts**, representing the Associated Constructors of Maine; **William Bell**, representing the Maine Association of Conservation Districts; Betty McInnis representing

the Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District; **Tom Greer**, and **Carl Beal** representing the American Society of Civil Engineers; **David Rocque**, representing the Department of Agriculture; **Peter Coughlan**, representing the Local Roads Center; **Susan Swanton**, representing the Maine Marine Trades Association; **Norman Marcotte**, State Nonpoint Source Coordinator; **Brian Sylvester**, representing the Land Improvement Contractors Association; and **Betty McInnes**, representing the Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District.

The Center would like to thank Committee members for their dedication and assistance and look forward to working with them in the future.

Conference on Stormwater Management/Permitting Postponed to March 17th , 2000

Unfortunately, due to the lack of volunteer presenters, we had to postpone the **Lessons Learned in Stormwater Management and Permitting Conference** scheduled for October 19, 1999, at the Augusta Civic Center. **The Conference will instead be held March 17, 2000, at the same location.** See enclosed "Call for Papers". Because of our booming economy, this summer/fall was apparently a very busy time for many

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engineering/consulting firms, and few could break away from their schedules to prepare for a conference presentation. We hope that by providing notice several months ahead, and holding the conference at a traditionally less hectic time of year more presenters will have an opportunity to participate in March of 2000. If you have an interesting stormwater project, please consider taking part in the conference as a presenter or as a participant in the poster session. Your experience may be helpful to colleagues working on stormwater management issues in other parts of the state.



1999 Summer / Fall Training Sessions Provide Training to Various Groups

Even though two training sessions and a conference had to be postponed, over 340 participants attended training programs sponsored by the Center in the Summer/Fall of 1999. A total of 81 participants attended training in erosion and sedimentation control, resulting in 15 new candidates for certification and 9 individuals becoming certified as erosion control professionals. In addition 21 individuals attended a continuing education course on Construction Project Phasing resulting in 20 people being eligible for re-certification. In courses on Stormwater, Roadside Erosion Control and Forestry Best Management Practices, held by the Soil and Water Conservation Districts, approximately 240 people participated.

Number of Individuals Certified in Erosion Control Practices Continues to Increase



With the number of training courses completed last winter and spring there were a number of individuals who obtained the necessary qualifications to become certified in Erosion and Sediment Control Practices. During the 1999 construction season, over 57 candidates had a construction site inspection completed by local Soil & Water Conservation District staff in order to obtain certification. The Center currently has a total of 124 individuals who are certified. These individuals are enjoying the benefits of the program such as free advertising, accelerated permitting and free publications. If you have taken the necessary courses and have not yet obtained certification, the Center encourages you to do so as soon as possible. You'll be glad you did!

For those of you who employ contractors for excavation work, we encourage you to hire only certified contractors for your projects. These individuals are knowledgeable in modern erosion control techniques and will help you to comply with the state's erosion control law. You can find the list of certified contractors at: <http://janus.state.me.us/dep/stormwatr/ccec.htm> The Center will also be glad to send you a copy of the current list or assist you in finding a certified contractor in your local area. To obtain this list and/or assistance, please contact Bill Laflamme, Center Coordinator at (207) 287-7726.

Stormwater and Erosion Control Best Management Practices Manuals Under Revision

Two of the state's well known Best Management Practices (BMP) manuals are currently under revision. The Maine Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook for Construction; Best Management Practices (Erosion Control manual) and Stormwater Management For Maine Best Management Practices (Stormwater manual) are being amended. The new manuals will include additional BMPs, revisions to existing BMPs, etc. The Erosion Control manual is tentatively scheduled to be available in the Summer of 2000 and the Stormwater manual is expected to become available in the Spring of 2000. If you are interested in providing comments or suggestions on the Erosion Control manual, please contact Jeff Edelstein at (207) 839-7839, (or you may e-mail any comments to jeff.edelstein@state.me.us). If you would like to provide comments or suggestions on the Stormwater manual, please contact Marianne Hubert at (207) 287-4140, (or you may e-mail any comments to marianne.hubert@state.me.us).

Your input will be very helpful to both Jeff and Marianne in making these manuals accurate and user friendly. Their revision efforts are aimed at providing the very best manuals possible and those of you who regularly utilize these manuals in the field are great sources of information on ways to improve the booklets' usefulness.

2000 Winter/ Spring Training Schedule

A number of Courses highlight the Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center's 2000 Winter/Spring Training Schedule including a new course on Buffer Strip Establishment.

In the area of Stormwater Management, we will again be offering a course for non-engineering land use professionals. As a result of feedback that we have received from participants in past sessions of this type, the course will be taught by a practicing consultant who is not an engineer.

For engineers, the successful stormwater practices design course held last fall and conducted by the Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District will again be offered in two locations. In addition, the Lessons Learned conference on Stormwater Management and Permitting postponed from last fall is scheduled for March 17th.

Course offerings for contractors include basic and advanced sessions in Erosion Control Best Management Practices and two courses on septic system installation. One of these installation programs is a new advanced version offered for contractors who previously attended the initial basic course.

A brand new course has been developed to assist landowners, developers, landscape consultants and others in establishing vegetated buffers strips along shoreland areas. The course will be offered in two locations and will include a late spring field trip to view established buffer sites.

The following is the list of courses being offered:

Stormwater

1) Stormwater Practices Design for Non-Engineering Land Use Professionals

Portland, March 1, 2000, Holiday Inn West, Riverside Street
Registration Deadline: February 22, 2000

Bangor, March 8, 2000, Ramada Inn, Odlin Road
Registration Deadline: February 29, 2000

2) Conference: Lessons Learned in Stormwater Management and Permitting

Augusta, March 17, 2000, Augusta Civic Center, Community Drive
Registration Deadline: March 8, 2000

Stormwater Practices Design For Engineers

Please register with the Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District at 839-7839

Augusta, Armory, Western Avenue, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. one day per week for 7 consecutive weeks:

January 11, 2000
January 18, 2000
January 25, 2000
February 1, 2000
February 8, 2000
February 15, 2000

Scarborough, MDOT Div 6 Office, Pleasant Hill Road

March 7, 2000
March 14, 2000
March 21, 2000
March 28, 2000
April 4, 2000
April 11, 2000

Erosion Control

3) Basic Erosion and Sediment Control Practices for Contractors

Houlton, March 31, 2000, The Shiretown Motor Inn
Registration Deadline: March 23, 2000

Rockland, April 5, 2000, The Tradewinds Motor Inn
Registration Deadline: March 28, 2000

4) Advanced Erosion and Sediment Control For Contractors

Bangor, April 11, 2000, Ramada Inn Odlin Road
Registration Deadline: April 3, 2000

Septic System Installation

Please register with Leann Hanson at JETCC, 767-2649

Basic

Waldo, February 10, 2000, Waldo Regional Vocational Technical Center

South Paris, February 16, 2000, South Paris Town Office

Alfred, March 2, 2000, Alfred Parish Church

Skowhegan, March 15, 2000,
Skowhegan Community Center

Advanced

Portland, February 24, 2000, Holiday Inn West,
Riverside Street

Bangor, March 7, 2000, Eastern Maine
Technical College

5) Buffer Strip Establishment

Portland, March 23, 2000, Holiday Inn West,
Riverside Street
Registration Deadline: March 15, 2000

Augusta, March 29, 2000, The Senator Inn,
Western Avenue
Registration Deadline: March 21, 2000

Maine Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center Course Registration Form

Name: _____ Tel. _____

Address: _____

Company: _____

The Courses I would like to attend are:

Session # _____ to be held in _____ Course Fee: _____
(City or town)

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(City or town)

Course Fees:

- 1) Stormwater Practices Design for Non-Engineering Land Use Professionals \$30
- 2) Lessons Learned In Stormwater Management/Permitting \$40
- 3) Basic Erosion Control Practices For Contractors \$25
- 4) Advanced Erosion Control Practices for Contractors \$25
- 5) Training on Buffer Strip Establishment \$20

Send this form along with
the appropriate fee to:

The Maine Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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