



Broome-Tioga Stormwater Coalition

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BTSC Member Communities:

The Broome-Tioga Stormwater Coalition (BTSC) was established in recognition of the understanding that the ability to comply with federal and state stormwater regulations would be greatly improved through sharing resources and information, and helping each other to achieve goals established under local Stormwater Management Program Plans. In 2004, the 15 municipalities in Broome and Tioga Counties required to establish these plans signed a Memorandum of Understanding to participate in the BTSC upon its establishment. The BTSC was initially supported by a grant obtained from the NYSDEC, an initial investment in what has proven to be a valuable forum for sharing information and resources for meeting state and federal requirements among the communities. This grant has been fully expended and the goals established under that work program, among others, have been met.

Ten years later, the BTSC member representatives have identified the need for an update to the established MOU that will renew the commitment of the participating municipalities and reflect the current needs of the organization and its membership. Continuing to ensure that state and federal stormwater requirements are met and that stormwater programs continue to be implemented is an ongoing and cumbersome task, especially as permits change, new requirements are added and personnel changes occur. To that end, the BTSC continues to pursue grant funding for ongoing administration and programming, however opportunities are limited, and successful grants require a local match including in-kind and financial contributions.

Therefore, the Coalition is seeking to establish an updated Memorandum of Understanding that will reflect a renewed local commitment from BTSC members that will help ensure that tasks associated with the BTSC goals can continue to be implemented and to help leverage funding into the future. A draft of the proposed MOU is attached.

One change under the updated MOU is the establishment of annual dues for each participating municipality in order to go on receiving the services currently provided to members of the BTSC for continued compliance with stormwater regulations. The BTSC has established a \$1000 annual fee, to be paid by March 10th each year, coinciding with the beginning of the annual reporting year. This fee will be mandatory for Coalition participation beginning in March of 2015. As this is a multi-county effort, the BTSC's partner agency, Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Board has agreed to administer the funds on behalf of the Coalition. Services currently received as a member of the BTSC that will continue under the new MOU include the following:

- Annual report development and submission
- Training opportunities
- Administration of public education and participation programming
- Grant Application and Administration
- Coordinated Mapping

- Administration of additional services as established with changes in state requirements and/or receipt of additional funding.

The attached overview provides additional details on the history and services of the BTSC made possible by grant funding and substantial in-kind contributions of the BTSC members and partners, especially Broome and Tioga Counties, and the Broome and Tioga Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

As mentioned, an updated draft 2014 MOU is also attached, as well as the existing MOU established in 2004 for reference. In agreeing to the updated MOU through the passage of a municipal resolution, your community will be committing to continued participation in the BTSC, and will continue to receive the benefits as outlined here.

We look forward to pursuing the goals of the Broome-Tioga Stormwater Coalition. Please feel free to contact me at 607-778-2375 or BLucas@co.broome.ny.us, or to contact our partners at the Soil and Water Conservation Districts at 607-724-9268 (Broome) and 607-687-1743 (Tioga) with your questions, concerns or ideas.

Sincerely,



Beth Lucas
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Broome-Tioga Stormwater Coalition Chairperson

Attached:

BTSC Overview

Draft 2014 Memorandum of Understanding

Established 2004 Memorandum of Understanding