

AWSMP Highway Managers Working Group Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2013, 8:30-11:30am
AWSMP Office & Warner Creek Site #5

In attendance:

Adam Doan, UCSWCD
Leslie Zucker, CCE UC
Brent Gotsch, CCE UC
Andrew Emerich, UC DPW
Kirk Peters, UC DPW
Mike Reynolds, Woodstock Highway Superintendent
Eric Hofmeister, Shandaken Highway Superintendent
Clyde Russell, Hurley Highway Superintendent
Deron Davis, NRCS
Amanda Wolfson, UC DOE

Approximately one hour of the meeting was held at the AWSMP office to go over program updates from the various agencies. The next two hours were held onsite at Warner Creek Site 5, just off Silver Hollow Lane.

AWSMP Updates:

Warner Creek Site 5 is wrapping up construction. Work will begin shortly on Chichester Sites 2, 3, and 4. Sites 2 and 3 are being funded through EWP money as well as local match through AWSMP. Site 4 is being funded through AWSMP funds. Sites 2 and 3 are predominantly in-stream work. Site 4 is predominantly bank work. The Chichester sites are expected to be completed by the end of September.

Warner Creek-Stony Clove Confluence site will try to be constructed this season. The road is undermined even with minimal flows and is a safety hazard.

AWSMP may have another RFP for the Stream Management Implementation Program (SMIP). Highway managers are encouraged to prepare project ideas. There is expected to be approximately \$240,000 that needs to be allocated by the end of 2014. Culvert sizing would be a good use of these funds.

DEP is developing a HEC-RAS training for this fall/winter. Three different levels will be offered included a ½ day Primer level for those with no experience with the program, a 2-day Intermediate level for those with some experience with the program and a 2-day Advanced level for those seeking a higher level of understanding of the program. Highway Managers are encouraged to attend. Please contact Leslie Zucker if interested.

Woodstock Updates:

Having problems with John George Road (technically outside watershed). Is seeking assistance from UCSWCD technicians. Will receive assistance once construction season winds down.

Ulster County Department of the Environment Updates:

Nothing to report other than continuing MS4 work.

Ulster County Department of Public Works Updates:

Looking for money for Oliveria Road. It is a complicated problem because there is so much sediment input from all the tributaries that feed into the Esopus in that area. No matter how much sediment is taken out it continually fills in. There will need to be a more thorough study done to see how to solve the problem.

Hurley Updates:

No updates other than they are in conflict with DEP regarding releases from the Ashokan Reservoir.

NRCS Updates:

There is a small EWP project in Fox Hollow. Multiple projects are going on across Ulster, Greene, and Schoharie County. EWP extension currently goes until January 2014. Hope to get another 220 day extension after that.

Shandaken Updates:

Nothing other than projects going on in Warner Creek and Chichester.

Other:

Warner Creek project is being constructed by Hubbell and the Chichester projects are being completed by Fastracs. There seems to be more contractors bidding on the projects and coming out to site showings.

Warner Creek Site 5:

Following update portion of the meeting the group proceeded up to Warner Creek Site 5. Adam Doan and Jake Wedermeyer (UCSWCD) and Deron Davis (USDA-NRCS) explained some of the techniques and methods that they used while constructing the project.