
CALUMET STORMWATER COLLABORATIVE

MEETING SUMMARY – July 10, 2020
Metropolitan Planning Council
Zoom meeting



Attendees

Matt Moffitt, Baxter & Woodman
Rebecca Raines, Center for Neighborhood Technology
Graig Neville, CERA Solutions
Catherine Kemp, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Emily Okallau, Chicago Region Trees Initiative at The Morton Arboretum
Mary Beth Falsey, DuPage County
Mary Mitros, DuPage County
Tamara Freihat, DuPage County Stormwater Management
Chelsey Grassfield, Friends of Chicago River
Melanie De Vincentiis, Foresight Design Initiative
Gavi Welbel, Foresight Design Initiative
Patrick Lach, Hey and Associates
Vidya Balasubramanyam, IDNR Coastal Management Program
Jeff Edstrom, IDNR Coastal Management Program
Lisa Krause, IDNR Coastal Management Program
Casey Sebetto, IDNR Coastal Management Program
Margaret Schneemann, Illinois Indiana Sea Grant
Josh Ellis, Metropolitan Planning Council
Meg Fredericks, Metropolitan Planning Council
Justin Keller, Metropolitan Planning Council
Tracy Lewis, Metropolitan Planning Council/Lewis & Associates LLC
Adam Slade, Metropolitan Planning Council
Travis Wood, Metropolitan Planning Council
Moriah Gelder, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Justin Hart, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Dawn Walker, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Megan Lewis, Planning Consultant
Leslie Thompson, Purdue University Northwest/Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant
Ron Smith, Robinson Engineering
Bill Wood, SmithGroup
Sam Haapaniemi, The Nature Conservancy
Jen Jenkins, The Nature Conservancy
Kahlil Kettering, The Nature Conservancy
Karen Kreis, Village of Midlothian

Member Updates

Justin Keller from the Metropolitan Planning Council shared that MPC is offering pro bono grant writing assistance to capacity-constrained communities wishing to apply for either of two State

of Illinois funding programs: The Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Financial Assistance Program, and the Green Infrastructure Grant Opportunities (GIGO) Program.

Linda Krause from the IDNR Coastal Management Program, who recently attended an Equitable Green Infrastructure Summit hosted by the North Central Region Water Network, shared that the slides from that event are now posted online. The event sparked interesting discussions surrounding equity and how it relates to topics relevant to the CSC. The slides can be found at <https://northcentralwater.org/greeninfrastructure>.

Extended Member Update

Urban Flooding Baseline Update

Rebecca Raines, Center for Neighborhood Technology

Rebecca gave a quick update on the Urban Flooding Baseline Project that has been underway at CNT for several months. After reviewing the project purpose, she provided examples of how CSC members have assisted with the project, including establishing a new definition of what urban flooding is – that is, they are considering any flooding in an urban area to be urban flooding. They are currently searching for more data and working on outreach efforts. In the future, they are looking to scale up the RainReady Resilience Planning Tool.

Presentations

Theme: advancing the CSC's Goal 1: *Significant reduction in non-overbank flooding*, and Goal 2: *Grey and green infrastructure maintains its designed performance over time*

The Detroit Stormwater Hub: Collaboratively Tracking Public & Private GSI Projects in the City

Sam Haapaniemi, The Nature Conservancy (Detroit Office)

The Detroit Stormwater Hub kicked off in 2016 following a recognition of the need for stormwater solutions in Detroit, MI. In advocating for Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) in the city, it was decided to develop a tool to better understand, collaborate on, and ultimately track the progress and impact of GSI city-wide. During the presentation, Sam walked through features of the Detroit Stormwater Hub's website, most notably the project inventory page, which featured a map that pulls GSI projects from a live database hosted by the city.

The presentation also covered stakeholder groups involved the pre-and post-launch process of the site, and the timeline, which was broken into 3 phases from summer 2016 to the present. Additionally, Sam discussed how different components of the website were developed, including the narrative content, map content, resources, and promotions. Of particular import for the CSC, he shared important lessons learned from the process: Early on in the process, think about what data to collect & clearly define user groups; Document roles (in Detroit, they used a project charter); Work closely with technical teams (engineers, GIS/web contractors, etc.); Leverage group stakeholders to communicate and promote the platform; and Collaboration of this kind will take time.

Visit the [CSC website](#) to review the full presentation materials.

Next Meeting

Friday, August 7, 2020
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: virtual

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