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### **PHASE II AUDITS AND PROGRAM REVIEWS BY OHIO EPA**

Ohio EPA is conducting Phase II MS4 Storm Water Program full program audits and single minimum control measures (MCM) reviews. If chosen for an audit or review, Ohio EPA will notify the community's designated Storm Water Manager via mail. A full program audit will review a community's entire program including all six MCMs. The single MCM reviews will target one MCM and essentially audit that MCM for the given community's Storm Water Program.

**At this time, Ohio EPA is focusing on MCM 6 for these reviews.** The full audit and single MCM reviews are using guidance from the *MS4 Program Evaluation Guidance* document developed by the US EPA (<http://pepi.ucdavis.edu/mapinfo/pdf/ms4guideandApenA.pdf>)

See the CRWP Website for additional information on the program elements for each MCM that will be under review. As well, details on these program elements can be found in Chapter 4 of the guidance document. This guidance document includes program review checklists and field inspection forms for each MCM. These are excellent tools to prepare for an audit/review and to do a self-assessment of a community's Storm Water Program.

Copies of the program review checklists and field inspection forms per MCM from the *MS4 Program Evaluation Guidance* document are included on CRWP's website [http://www.crwp.org/phase\\_2\\_implementation/phase\\_2\\_implementation.htm](http://www.crwp.org/phase_2_implementation/phase_2_implementation.htm), under each respective MCM.

CRWP is available to review storm water program requirements, the program review checklist, and field inspection forms for your community in preparation for an audit/review. Contact Rachel Webb at [webb@crwp.org](mailto:webb@crwp.org) to discuss further or schedule a self-assessment review.

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### **June 24, 2009 Construction Site Inspection & Enforcement**

This workshop consists of two sessions, a classroom session which is web-based to watch at your convenience and a full-day field tour to be held June 24, 2009. Participants will learn how to conduct a compliance inspection for construction site runoff controls and get practice reading and interpreting a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3s). The intended audience for this workshop is the MS4 program manager and staff responsible for conducting construction site inspections for municipal storm water programs.

The classroom session consists of three presentations and a video. Participants are strongly encouraged to watch the classroom session before attending the field tour. The classroom sessions are mandatory to receive full continuing education credits for this workshop. To track your participation in the classroom session, you will be required to register when it is accessed. The classroom materials are currently available at



<https://ohioepa.webex.com/ohioepa/k2/e.php?AT=RINF&recordingID=12252247> and will eventually be archived at the Ohio EPA Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP) website at [www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/storm\\_water.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/storm_water.html) for future use by MS4s for employee training.

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#### **CRWP and Stream and Wetland Mitigation Banking**

CRWP has received a grant from the Ohio Water Development Authority through the Ohio Lake Erie Commission to establish a stream and wetland mitigation bank. The goal of the initiative is to keep all mitigation of stream and wetland impacts within the watershed. As CRWP does not manage any property, nor do we intend to own or manage property or to hold conservation easements, we are looking for property owners who may be interested in completing stream or wetland restoration on their property. ***If your community, organization, residents have property with stream, wetlands, or other water resources which may be potential mitigation sites, please fill out the form and return it to CRWP by June 30, 2009.*** CRWP will continue to accept potential sites throughout the process, but the initial site selections may determine sites that will receive design assistance through the grant.

This form as well as a presentation about the CRWP mitigation effort is also available on CRWP website at [http://www.crwp.org/mitigation/crwp\\_mitigation\\_bank.htm](http://www.crwp.org/mitigation/crwp_mitigation_bank.htm).

#### **Center For Watershed Protection's Watershed & Stormwater Management Webcast Series: Managing Stormwater in the Age of Budget Cuts**

Webcast: **Wednesday, June 17, 2009**

Two-Hour Live Webcast

Eastern: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Cost: **FREE, but space is limited**

Registration closes 6/12/09

The Center for Watershed Protection is offering a free webcast focusing on "**Managing Stormwater in the Age of Budget Cuts**".

This webcast will provide practical information on prioritizing program elements, developing a business plan for stormwater, and looking at multiple sources of revenue. Guest speakers will address topics including: making a compelling case for stormwater management, gaining political support, developing a comprehensive approach, using stormwater utilities, fees, grants, and other sources, and pooling resources to achieve program goals. The webcast format will provide ample time for questions and answers, and resources will also be available for downloading.

For more information about this webcast and the entire 2009 series, visit <http://www.cwp.org/Webcasts/>