

MONTHLY UPDATE

February 2014



A Partnership meeting was held on February 27, 2014 at 10am at the NRC Building. Minutes are updated regularly on the Partnership's website: www.papiopartnership.org.

Watershed Management Plan Update

HDR has completed a draft report summarizing their findings of work completed during the update to the Partnership's Watershed Management Plan.

As a result of the financial and population growth analyses prepared by HDR an implementation plan was proposed for the next planning period, 2014-2018. The proposed new implementation plan for 2014-2018 has two flood control structures, WP-6 and WP-7, planned for construction by 2018. Both of these structures are currently under pressure by development and the Partnership members feel that it is critical that these projects are completed soon.

The financial analyses completed by HDR looked at the funds expended to date on the projects in the 2011-2013 implementation plan and Watershed Fees collected by communities since their adoption in 2009. HDR found that in order to maintain the 1/3 private (Watershed Fee) funding and 2/3 public (NRD) funding for all projects in the Watershed Management Plan, the fees would need to be adjusted in 2014, and a yearly increase would be necessary after that to cover projected inflation. Over time, the amount collected in Watershed Fees will cover 1/3 of the cost of all projects in the Watershed Management Plan.

The Partnership members in attendance unanimously voted to accept the report prepared by HDR.

Stormwater Management Plan

The MS4 NPDES permits of the Phase II communities is set to expire this year. When the

communities apply for their new 5-year permit, they will need to present a new Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) outlining the activities to be completed in order to comply with their permit.

The draft SWMP is modeled on the City of Lincoln's permit. While the activities of the Partnership will largely remain the same, the SWMP has been reworded to allow more flexibility in permit activities.

The City of Omaha (a Phase I community) submitted their draft to NDEQ in 2013. However, their permit has been placed on administrative extension and will be considered at the same time as the Phase II communities.

The Partnership members in attendance voted unanimously to submit the SWMP with minor revisions to NDEQ and include it in the Interlocal Agreement.

Interlocal Agreement

The Interlocal Agreement for continuation of the Partnership is set to expire on June 30, 2014. A draft of the Interlocal Agreement was presented at the meeting. Revisions to the agreement include, the new Implementation Plan as presented in the HDR report, updated Watershed Fee schedule, and inclusion of the draft SWMP.

After discussion of the draft agreement, the Partnership members in attendance decided that more discussion was warranted before the agreement is presented to boards and councils for their adoption.

Next Meeting:

The next Partnership meeting will be March 27, 2014 at 10 am at the NRC building.



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The language regarding collection of Watershed Management Fees was refined in light of the updated fee schedule. As a result of the HDR financial analyses, the Watershed Management Fees were adjusted to reflect inflation in construction costs and to make sure that the fees cover one-third of the project costs for the regional detention basins and water quality basins identified in the Watershed Management Plan. In order to maintain the one-third private, two-thirds public funding ratio for the projects the following schedule of fees would be necessary:

Land Use	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Single Family Residential	\$823	\$843	\$864	\$886	\$908
High Density Multi-Family Residential	\$3,619	\$3,710	\$3,803	\$3,898	\$3,995
Commercial/Industrial	\$4,387	\$4,497	\$4,609	\$4,724	\$4,842

The fee schedule was presented to members of the Metro Omaha Builders Association and other individuals involved with development in the metro area. Their only concern about the increase in the fees was for existing developments that were intending to pay the previous rates. Language was included in the Interlocal Agreement to ensure that developments with an existing subdivision agreement or other development agreement would still be able to pay the rate written into the agreement.

The Partnership members present voted to take the draft Interlocal Agreement to their governing body for approval.

Notice of Vote:

In April the Partnership members will vote to approve the yearly hosting fee for the CBI Systems MS4Web software used to track MS4 permit activities.

Next Meeting:

The next Partnership meeting will be April 24, 2014 at 10 am at the NRC building.



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A Partnership meeting was held on April 24, 2014 at 10am at the NRC Building. Minutes are updated regularly on the Partnership's website: www.papiopartnership.org.

Sarpy County is expected to have the interlocal agreement on the May 20th Planning Commission agenda.

Interlocal Agreement

The Interlocal Agreement for continuation of the Partnership is set to expire on June 30, 2014 and a revised interlocal has been approved by the Partnership as a recommendation that will be presented to each Partnership member's Board or Council. Revisions to the agreement include the new Implementation Plan as presented in the HDR report, updated Watershed Fee schedule, and inclusion of the draft SWMP.

The group discussed the plans and dates for presenting the information to their respective Boards or Councils.

It was determined that Planning Board approval was necessary for most entities prior to council approval.

The Papiro NRD Board approved the interlocal agreement at their April 2014 Board meeting.

The City of Omaha will be presenting the interlocal agreement to Planning Board on May 7th and expect the item to be on Council in June.

La Vista noted that they will take the interlocal agreement to Planning Board and then Council at the second June meeting.

Papillion anticipates the interlocal agreement will be on their May 28th Planning Board and at Council on June 17th.

CBI Systems Software Annual Maintenance Fee:

The Partnership members approved the yearly hosting fee, \$15,279.00, for the CBI Systems MS4Web software used to track MS4 permit activities. The motion was made by Mark Stursma and seconded by John Kottman. All in attendance, La Vista, Omaha, Papillion, Sarpy County, and the PMRNRD voted in favor. Ralston voted by proxy in favor of the yearly maintenance fee.

Jim Kee noted that a training was held in February for all the Partnership communities and if anyone is having any issues to contact him. The instructor from CBI is available on call for one year as part of our agreement.

Next Meeting:

The next Partnership meeting will be May 22, 2014 at 10 am at the NRC building.



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Update on MS4 Permits

Blayne Renner with Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality addressed the Partnership regarding the MS4 permits. Omaha's permit expired in 2013 and the Phase II communities' expires in October 2014. At this time a new permit has not been issued.

Renner stated that the draft permit is undergoing internal review at NDEQ. Then it must go through a review process at EPA. EPA has three months to complete their review. New permits will most likely not be issued until after January 1, 2015. Once approved by EPA, the permits will be made public.

There are few changes proposed to the permit. NDEQ is proposing to remove semi-annual reporting. At this time the semi-annual report is simply a form letter and provides no specific data to NDEQ. NDEQ feels that the annual reporting is sufficient.

Lindsay Phillips is the new Stormwater Grant Coordinator and NDEQ and she also addressed the group regarding changes to the funding communities receive from the State. In the past communities had to apply each year for funding. However, it is now assumed that each community wants the funding each year, so the application process has been eliminated.

Phillips reiterated that the grant reports are very important. The reports must be submitted to NDEQ prior to receiving funding in subsequent years.

319 Grant Application

Amanda Grint informed the group that the City and the NRD has worked to submit an application for NDEQ 319 planning funds to update the Watershed Management Plan.

In order for projects to be eligible for 319 grant funding a watershed management plan must be in place that follows the EPA 9 Elements format. During the Update to the Papillion Creek Watershed Management Plan, HDR reviewed the current plan and provided recommendations on where the current plan could be modified to meet the EPA requirements. If the grant application is successful, all communities will be able to use the modified watershed management plan to apply for 319 funding for projects in the Papio Watershed. A full presentation will be given at the October Partnership meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next Partnership meeting will be October 23, 2014 at 10 am at the NRC building.



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Update on Omaha Permix Website

Jesse Poore with FHU talked with the group about the Omaha Permix website.

The Permix website was created as a way to keep track of post-construction stormwater management plans and best management practices (BMPs) after the Partnership communities adopted post-construction stormwater management regulations in 2009.

After the initial development of the Permix website, a plan was formed to combine the existing grading permit application website with the Permix website. This would allow for some reduction in effort by project designers as the application information needed for both grading permits and post-construction management plans is similar.

In the spring of 2014, the grading permit system was migrated to Permix. There have been a few minor issues with the migration, mostly with projects that have an open grading permit.

FHU has worked with the Partnership communities and with users of the Permix website to address these issues. By December 2014, all bug fixes will be deployed which should resolve all known issues. FHU will continue to work with the communities moving forward to make sure the system works as needed.

Permix will also allow the public to view grading permits and to submit comments or concerns on projects throughout the metro area.

319 Grant Application

Amanda Grint discussed with the group the application that was submitted by the City of Omaha for watershed planning for the Papio Watershed and Missouri River Tributaries that are included in the Omaha metropolitan area. If approved by Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ), it would provide the opportunity for the creation of the Omaha Regional Nonpoint Source Watershed Plan. This plan would take some information from the Papillion Creek Watershed Plan and include additional data to address all nine elements required for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) watershed plan. By doing this planning the communities in the Partnership would be able to look at specific practices to address impaired water bodies and set areas of priority. Creating this plan will also give communities in the Partnership the opportunity to receive NDEQ 319 funding for projects that address impaired water bodies. Examples of projects that have been funded in the past are Cole Creek stream restoration, Thompson Creek floodplain buyout and restoration. The application was submitted on September 2, 2014 to NDEQ and the application included some cost share by the Partnership. If the grant is approved, the Partnership will vote to determine if funds should be used to help fund this plan.

Next Meeting:

The next Partnership meeting will be November 20, 2014 at 10 am at the NRC building.

