

NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM
2020 GRANT CYCLE

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

All Grant Proposal Materials must be received by 11am on Thursday, May 28, 2020.

Instructions: Please complete all sections and submit this application form as the cover of the written grant proposal.

No incomplete applications will be considered.

Section I: General Information

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| Applicant | Organization | Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas |
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| Project | EEG Program Area | Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Land acquisition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Research, planning, education <input type="checkbox"/> Construction, remediation, restoration |
| | Project Title | Minimizing Water Quality Impacts from Stormwater by Enhancing Understanding of Government Leaders, Professionals, Educators, and Citizens |
| | County Where Project Located | Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Rowan, and Union Counties |
| | Total Project Budget | \$103,300 |
| Grant Request | Amount Requested | \$47,000 |

Section II: Project Technical Information

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| <p>Project Purpose: The project seeks to minimize water quality impacts from stormwater by enhancing understanding of government leaders, professionals, educators, and citizens. The project will assist the RSPC in providing three Elected Officials Workshops, six Tech Talks, and one Educator Workshop. (continued in addendum)</p> |
| <p>Project Outcomes (<i>please be specific</i>): The project will allow municipalities and community organizations to focus environmental efforts by understanding the value of stormwater management and their role in protecting their natural resources. This will be done by providing three main training objectives: (continued in addendum)</p> |
| <p>Environmental Impact of Project: -“Informing organizations where future environmental efforts should be focused” -“Deepen public interest in their role in protecting North Carolina’s natural resources” (details in addendum)</p> |

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| <p>Evaluation Measures For Project (i.e. how do you measure success in this project?)</p> <p>The evaluations to measure success of this project will be similar for each of the three metrics of anticipated outcomes based on training provided, best management practices, and impacts of training. Those three metrics are —(1) improved proactive detection and elimination of illicit discharges, (2) control of construction site and post construction site runoff, and (3) improved pollution prevention and good housekeeping for operations optimization. (details in addendum)</p> |
| <p>Projected Project Start Date (if known):</p> <p>October 1, 2020</p> |
| <p>Period of Time for the EEG-funded section of Project:</p> <p>2 year</p> |
| <p>Period of Time for the Whole Project completion:</p> <p>October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2022</p> |

Section III: Project Cost Information

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| <p>Funding or Resources Provided by the Applicant for the Project (indicate type and approximate amount):</p> <p>Food for Events: \$2,300 Workshop Services: \$10,000 Training facilitation and logistics Environmental Messaging and Workshop Promotion – TV and Radio: \$20,000</p> |
| <p>Other Project Funding Sources (<i>indicate source, amounts requested / committed</i>):</p> <p>NC AmeriCorps/Resiliency Corps NC: \$13,500</p> |
| <p>In-Kind or Volunteer Donations (<i>indicate source, amounts requested / committed</i>):</p> <p>Stormwater professionals funding leverage is estimated at \$7,500 to assist in the development and logistics of the workshops and Tech Talks, provide presentations, and coordinate use of the municipality facilities. The contribution of local municipal facilities for event locations is estimated at \$3,000. NC AmeriCorps/Resiliency Corps NC with additional value added of \$18,731</p> |

Section IV: Organization Management and Organizational Information

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| <p>Organization Type: Check one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-profit organization <input type="checkbox"/> Government Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Institution of Higher Education</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>For Non-Profit Organizations Only</p> <p>Current Assets:</p> <p>\$ 95,502.42</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>For Non-Profit Organizations Only</p> <p>Current Fund Balance:</p> <p>\$ 95,502.42</p> | | | | | | |
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| FY 20 19 | \$ 75,705.94 | | | | | |

Please list any members of your organization, department or agency that may have a conflict of interest with the North Carolina Attorney General's Office (conflict of interest as defined as a familial or financial conflict).

None, there are no conflicts of interest within the RSPC and the NC Attorney General's Office.

Is the address above the correct address to use for a Memorandum of Understanding if you were awarded a grant? If no, please list the correct address below.

Yes, the address for the Grant PI contact is the correct address for the Memorandum of Understanding.

Please provide the name and title of the individual at your agency who is authorized to sign a Memorandum of Understanding if you were awarded a grant. Please also provide the name and title of one witness.

**Signing Authority: Chris Costner, Chair of the Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas
Witness: Regina C. Guyer, Rising Solutions, PLLC President**

Section V: Experience

Have you previously received a grant award from the EEG Program? If yes, please list the date(s) and project name(s).

No, the RSPC has not previously received a grant from the EEG program.

Have you previously submitted a grant proposal to the EEG Program? If yes, please list the date(s) and project name(s).

No, the RSPC has not previously submitted a grant proposal to the EEG program.

Did you receive any grant awards from the State of North Carolina or the federal government in the past 12 months? If so, please list the sources, dates, and amounts.

No, the RSPC has not received funding from State of NC or Federal Government Grants.

Did you receive any funds from any other public or private grant awards in the past 12 months? If so, please list the sources, dates, and amounts.

The RSPC has developed a collaborative project with Johnson C. Smith University who has received a grant from the Water Resources Research Institute – Stormwater Consortium for \$76,924. The project, Empowering underrepresented citizens of Charlotte-Mecklenburg with a voice and role in municipal stormwater program goals, is from February 15, 2020 to June 30, 2021. (Note: the RSPC does not receive any of the funding).

Please list any work or projects your organization has done in the last 5 years that are substantially similar to the Project you are proposing.

**The RSPC has experience in providing an Elected Officials Workshop and Tech Talk during 2019 and 2020; along with an Aquatic Pesticide workshop in 2017 prior to becoming a nonprofit.
The RSPC members engage with educators within their municipalities. During 2020, the RSPC has an NC AmeriCorps member who is expanding the capabilities of the RSPC to work with educators.**

Section VI. Acknowledgements

The Applicant certifies that they have the following documentation or proof that will be provided to NCDOJ if the Applicant is awarded an EEG grant (Please initial the following):

- Written Conflict of Interest Policy
- [Non-profit Organization Only] Certificate of Incorporation and by-laws
- Insurance- Worker's compensation liability insurance coverage with a minimum of \$500,000; Commercial General Liability with a minimum amount of \$1,000,000; and Automobile liability insurance with a minimum combined single limit of \$500,000 bodily injury and property damage and \$500,000 uninsured/under insured motorist, and \$25,000 medical payment
- A list of organizational, agency, or department staff who will be working on or funded by the project funds

Section VII. Agreement and Certification

Certification: The undersigned hereby do certify that they have read the attached proposal, including all appendices and exhibits, and that the information provided therein is correct and complete. The undersigned do hereby attest that any funds granted pursuant to this proposal will be used exclusively for charitable, scientific, education, conservation, environmental enhancement, or other tax-exempt public purposes. The undersigned do hereby certify that they understand that the requests attached and submitted to the Attorney General are subject to the North Carolina Public Records Act.

This the 28 day of May 2020.

Applicant Organization: Regional Stormwater Partnership

By: 
Name: Chris Costner, PE, CSM
Title: RSPC Chairman

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Project Purpose Continued: These trainings will enable decision makers to gain knowledge on environmental issues, professionals to implement best management practices, educators to share the knowledge and citizens to act upon this knowledge in their daily life for enhancing the environment.

Project Outcomes Continued:

1. Elected Officials Stormwater Workshops to enable government decision makers to gain knowledge on environmental issues and permit compliance, while increasing their understanding of stormwater impacts on water quality and the quality of life for citizens within their communities.
2. Tech Talks for stormwater professionals, business leaders, and communities to actively communicate and increase knowledge for identifying issues, understanding of stormwater impacts on water quality, and implementing best management practices.
3. Educator Workshop for “Hands On” learning experiences for teachers to increase understanding and knowledge of stormwater impacts along with providing classroom modules for use with students.

Environmental Impact of Project Detailed:

“Informing organizations where future environmental efforts should be focused” is met by providing Elected Officials Workshops, Tech Talks, and an Educators workshop. The project goals enable visual and interactive opportunities for educational and synergistic informational exchanges while building networking relationships for future problem and solutions sharing. Government leaders will become aware of water quality and stormwater issues for their communities and the quality of life benefits for the protection of NC natural resources while being empowered as a knowledgeable environmental advocate.

“Deepen public interest in their role in protecting North Carolina’s natural resources” is met by providing local governments, businesses, and citizens with best management practices in improving detection and elimination of illicit discharges, construction site and post-construction site runoff control, pollution prevention, and good housekeeping operation optimization to empower them in performing their role in protecting North Carolina’s water.

Evaluation Measures for Project Detailed: Measurement evaluations include:

- a. Training: measurement based on number and location of training events, total time of training (in person, live streaming, online), number of participants (in person, live streaming, online), scope of responsibility (government leaders, stormwater professionals, business leaders, communities, teachers, and students) and municipality of participants. A survey will be conducted with attendees to gauge impact of training within their scope of responsibility.
- b. Best Management Practices: measurement based on number of best management practice documents created, types of BMPs documents developed (e.g., restaurant, car wash, landscaping), and usage of BMPs documents in case resolutions.
- c. Training impacts on business or municipal BMPs protocols: measurement based on the number, location, and timing of reporting, investigations, and resolutions.



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RSPC 020-SG

Minimizing Water
Quality Impacts from
Stormwater by
Enhancing
Understanding of
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Professionals, Educators,
and Citizens

Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas
Kari M. Raburn, PhD
5-27-2020

1 Project Description

1.1 How the proposal addresses North Carolina's current environmental needs

The Clean Water Act protects our waterways via permits overseen by the NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ). Within the statewide permit compliance program, 35 stormwater programs have been audited with 24 programs receiving a Notice of Violation. The common deficiency areas are documentation, insufficient stormwater system mapping, reactive rather than proactive illicit discharge programs, and poor housekeeping practices (NCDEQ Website, 2020). This means across the state of North Carolina our water quality is suffering in large part due to illicit discharge and poor housekeeping practices as well as documentation problems related to the other measures for which the permit compliance program reviews—construction site and post construction site runoff controls, pollution prevention, public involvement, as well as education and outreach. It is important to note that two of the six minimum control measures for stormwater permit compliance are (1) public involvement/participation and (2) public education/outreach showing that the EPA recognizes that stormwater management as largely controlled by informing and involving local citizens.

The Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas (RSPC) Environmental Enhancement Grant (EEG) project addresses the areas which NCDEQ determined needed actions in protecting our environment and water quality. It focuses on synergistically creating user friendly best management practices to allow local governments as well as local businesses and citizens to systematically protect NC's waterways.

The project seeks to minimize water quality impacts from stormwater by enhancing understanding of government leaders, professionals, educators, and citizens. The project will assist the RSPC in providing three Elected Officials Workshops, six Tech Talks, and one Educator Workshop. These trainings will enable decision makers to gain knowledge on environmental issues, professionals to implement best management practices, educators to share the knowledge and citizens to act upon this knowledge in their daily life for enhancing the environment.

1.2 Geographic location of the project, including the county and the area or communities to be served by the proposed project

The project will span across seven counties in central North Carolina which includes Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Rowan and Union counties. There are 20 municipalities/government entities within these counties which will be served by the project: City of Belmont, Bessemer City, City of Charlotte, Town of China Grove, Town of Cramerton, Town of Dallas, City of Gastonia, Gaston County Natural Resources Department, Town of Harrisburg, Village of Lake Park, Town of Landis, City of Lowell, Mecklenburg County, City of Monroe, Town of Mooresville, City of Mount Holly, City of Shelby, Town of Stallings, Town of Stanley, and the City of Statesville.

There are over 1.4 million citizens within our research area who could benefit from the improved environmental efforts within these communities. The impact is especially helpful to the estimated 32.3%, which rely on ground water for their potable supplies as well as commercial and industrial uses (US Geological Survey, 2002).

1.3 Project objectives and methodology

The project will allow municipalities and community organizations to focus environmental efforts by understanding the value of stormwater management and their role in protecting their natural resources. This will be done by providing three main training objectives:

1. Elected Officials Stormwater Workshops to enable government decision makers to gain knowledge on environmental issues and permit compliance, while increasing their understanding of stormwater impacts on water quality and the quality of life for citizens within their communities.
2. Tech Talks for stormwater professionals, business leaders, and communities to actively communicate and increase knowledge for identifying issues, understanding of stormwater impacts on water quality, and implementing best management practices.
3. Educator Workshop for “Hands On” learning experiences for teachers to increase understanding and knowledge of stormwater impacts along with providing classroom modules for use with students.

The RSPC Tech Talk during Fall 2020 will be the start to this project. The EEG program will allow for an expansion of the RSPC training capabilities through live streaming for audience participation at off-site locations, recording of workshops to provide training on-demand, and replication in additional locations. Considering the current concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, such live streaming and on-demand training may be necessary to ensure the health and safety of our NC citizens.

1.3.1 Objective 1: Elected Officials Stormwater Workshops

Elected Officials Stormwater Workshops will enable government decision makers to i) become better educated through presentations and visuals highlighting pollutant issues, permit requirements, and Best Management Practices (BMPs), ii) create connections of trust and sharing of problems and solutions with other elected officials and experts within the field, iii) develop a motivation to function within their official role as an informed decision maker and potential advocate for the environment. (See Nancy Carter, Mecklenburg Soil and Water Conservation District – Vice Chair, Letter of Support). “It’s so important that elected leaders understand the importance of pushing for the critical infrastructure that protects our natural resources”, Elaine M. Powell, Board Vice-Chair, Mecklenburg County Commissioner. The RSPC currently holds an annual Elected Officials Stormwater Workshop. The EEG program would enable the expansion of the workshop in three major ways: i) recording of workshop to provide training on demand to fit within an elected official’s timeframe, ii) expanding audiences via live stream, and iii) replicate workshop in a second location for year two.

1.3.2 Objective 2: Tech Talks for stormwater professionals, business leaders, and communities

Tech Talks for stormwater professionals, business leaders, and communities to actively communicate and increase knowledge for identifying issues, understanding of stormwater impacts on water quality, and implementing best management practices. The development of action strategies would be within areas of:

- a) Improving detection and elimination of illicit discharges,

- b) Construction site and post construction site runoff control,
- c) Pollution prevention, and
- d) Good housekeeping for operations optimization.

The RSPC seeks to provide Tech Talks focused within areas the EPA and NCDEQ has identified as the most important minimum control measures to the maximum extent practicable in preventing stormwater pollution. Tech Talks create a synergy of connections and communications for their audiences while providing needed training as evidenced by the NCDEQ audits of 35 entities of which 24 had Notice of Violations. (NCDEQ website, 2020).

The RSPC has experience in providing Tech Talks, the EEG Program would enable the effectiveness and expansion of the Tech Talks in five major ways: i) recording of the Tech Talk to provide training on-demand to fit within an individual’s timeframe or usage for staff training, ii) expanding audiences via live stream, iii) increasing the efficiency and capacity of the online trainings, iv) development of best management practice materials to directly assist municipalities with minimizing local business impacts on water quality, and v) replicate workshop in a second location providing capabilities for additional municipalities participation.

1.3.3 Objectives 3: Educator Workshop for “Hands On” learning experiences for teachers

The NC Department of Public Instruction has included water quality and weather-related standards in each grade K-8 as well science courses 9-12. To ensure the teachers are prepared with knowledge and accurate resources to teach and engage their students in “Hands On” activities, the RSPC would like to develop and implement a workshop specifically for teachers through the EEG program. Along with the workshop each teacher will be provided classroom modules for use with students directly aligning with state standards.

1.4 Anticipated Outcomes

The environmental impact of the project will be shown through critical stormwater control measures needed across NC to improve water quality—(1) improved proactive detection and elimination of illicit discharges, (2) control of construction site and post construction site runoff, and (3) improved pollution prevention and good housekeeping for operations optimization.

As the EPA and NCDEQ has guided, environmental impact minimization will best result from a synergistic approach of documented public education, outreach, involvement, and participation. The RSPC project will provide municipal and state decision makers the opportunity to be involved and enhance understanding; provide professionals the platform for sharing of experiences, problems, and best practices; and provide educators knowledge. It will enhance a broader understanding by citizens and business owners on their role in protecting North Carolina’s water quality.

The evaluations to measure success of this project will be similar for each of the three metrics of anticipated outcomes based on training provided, best management practices, and impacts of training. Measurement evaluations include:

- a. Training: measurement based on number and location of training events, total time of training (in person, live streaming, online), number of participants (in

person, live streaming, online), scope of responsibility (government leaders, stormwater professionals, business leaders, communities, teachers, and students) and municipality of participants. A survey will be conducted with attendees to gauge impact of training within their scope of responsibility.

- b. Best Management Practices: measurement based on number of best management practice documents created, types of BMPs documents developed (e.g., restaurant, car wash, landscaping), and usage of BMPs documents in case resolutions.
- c. Training impacts on business or municipal BMPs protocols: measurement based on the number, location, and timing of reporting, investigations, and resolutions.

1.4.1 Project sustainability, replication, continuance in other parts of North Carolina and after the grant is completed

The project will be implemented throughout a seven County Region with input from 20 municipalities/government entities on how to best achieve the project objectives and providing clarity on training with their stormwater expertise. The RSPC has experience accomplishing training objectives on a small scale for over 10 years. The EEG increases the training capabilities, enables the expansion, and creates a sustainable training program which will extend past the grant timeframe. For example, the recorded trainings and BMP documents will be useful tools for improving environmental stewardship after the grant is complete and for areas beyond the current seven County Region of North Carolina.

2 Relevance to the EEG Program and Environmental Impacts

The objectives of this research will help the EEG Program meet their main objectives:

“Informing organizations where future environmental efforts should be focused” is met by providing Elected Officials Workshops, Tech Talks, and an Educators workshop. The project goals enable visual and interactive opportunities for educational and synergistic informational exchanges while building networking relationships for future problem and solutions sharing. Government leaders will become aware of water quality and stormwater issues for their communities and the quality of life benefits for the protection of NC natural resources while being empowered as a knowledgeable environmental advocate.

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The project aligns with Attorney General Stein and the Department of Justice high priorities of “encouraging good stewardship of our natural resources and protecting North Carolinians from polluters who harm our health and economy.” (NCDOJ Website, 2020).

3 Qualifications and Experience of Applicant

The Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolina (RSPC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit made up of 20 municipal/government agencies. The mission of the RSPC is to educate and bring

awareness to the public, local businesses and education centers of our region about stormwater issues and their impact on water quality and our environment. We further aim to unite local stormwater programs by sharing information and ideas in order to collaborate, discuss and address similar stormwater issues on a regional level. The RSPC goal is committed to the betterment of our region through the improvement of water quality and takes an active stormwater leadership role in achieving that vision.

The RSPC will contract with the Rising Solutions, PLLC team, who functions as the RSPC facilitators, to provide management and scope of work for the EEG project. NC AmeriCorps/Resilience Corps NC members will work to support the project and assist with logistics along with data collection. A media agency for hosting online training/website along with video recording/live streaming capabilities will be incorporated.

The collaborative expertise within the RSPC along with the facilitation services of Rising Solutions, PLLC have enabled the development of successful training for minimization of stormwater pollution. These include Elected Officials Workshop in February 2020 and 2019; “Municipal Staff Training – Spill Responses, Illicit Discharges, and Good Housekeeping” on October 2, 2019; “Managing Stormwater Service Requests from Citizens” on May 21, 2019; “GIS Mapping for Stormwater Applications” on October 24, 2018 (RSPC Website, 2020). (See Attachment 5- Descriptive Document.)

4 Project Costs, Budget and Sources of Additional Funding/Leverage

The RSPC project is requesting \$47,000 from the Environmental Enhancement Grant Program. The budget includes personnel at \$29,700; project materials of printing, food, and teacher tool kits at \$6,300; professional services for repository hosting, filming, and website interface at \$10,320; and \$680 mileage. Details are provided in Attachment 1: Budget narrative and budget.

The EEG Program funding for NC AmeriCorps/Resiliency Corps NC members is projected with NC AmeriCorps Program funds of \$13,500 for the members salary, benefits, and training support. With additional value added of \$18,731 to total estimated \$43,231 workhour value. (Campbell, 2019).

Stormwater professionals funding leverage is estimated at \$10,500 to assist in the development and logistics of the workshops and Tech Talks, provide presentations, and coordinate use of the municipality facilities. It is *estimated* that an average of five hours/RSPC member will be contributed at an average salary rate plus benefits \$75/hour (5 hours x 20 members x \$75 = \$7,500). The contribution of local municipal facilities for event locations is estimated at \$3,000.

The RSPC has a funding budget for training and a media campaign of \$32,300. This includes \$2,300 funding for a portion of the refreshments and \$10,000 funding for a portion of expenses related to personnel for the facilitation of workshop services including but not limited to event development and logistics, registration management, website management, and management of NC AmeriCorps/Resiliency Corps NC member. Environmental messaging and workshop promotion via RSPC funded media campaign of \$20,000 with extra WCCB ads and interviews estimated added value of \$36,950.

References:

Campbell, Kristina G., Independent Sector, 2019, Independent Sector Releases New Value of Volunteer Time of \$25.43 Per Hour, <https://independentsector.org/news-post/new-value-volunteer-time-2019/>

NCDEQ Stormwater Website:

<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-land-resources/energy-mineral-land-permits/stormwater-permits/npdes-ms4>

NCDOJ Website:

<https://ncdoj.gov/protecting-the-environment/>

Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas Website - Events:

<https://regionalstormwater.org/events/>

U.S. Geological Survey, Daniel, Charles C., III, Dahlen, Paul R., 2002, Water-Resources Investigations Report 02-4105: Preliminary Hydrogeologic Assessment and Study Plan for a Regional Ground-Water Resource Investigation of the Blue Ridge and Piedmont Provinces of North Carolina, US Department of the Interior, Raleigh, NC.



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Attachment 1: Proposed Budget and Budget Narrative

Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas
Kari M. Raburn, PhD
5-27-2020

Project Name: Minimizing Water Quality Impacts from Stormwater by Enhancing Understanding of Government Leaders, Professionals, Educators, and Citizens

Project Narrative: The Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas (RSPC) EEG project addresses the areas which NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) determined needed actions in protecting our environment and water quality. It focuses on synergistically creating user friendly best management practices to allow local governments as well as local businesses and citizens to systematically protect NC's waterways. The project will minimize water quality impacts from stormwater by enhancing understanding of government leaders, professionals, educators, and citizens. The EEG project will assist the RSPC in providing three Elected Officials Workshops, six Tech Talks, and one Educator Workshop. These trainings will enable decision makers to gain knowledge on environmental issues, professionals to implement best management practices, educators to share the knowledge and citizens to act upon this knowledge in their daily life for enhancing the environment.

Total Budget Requested: \$47,000

Projected Budget Line Items

Personnel Total: \$29,700

Director (1101) – \$7,500

Regina C. Guyer, P.E., Rising Solutions, PLLC will be the RSPC project facilitator for this project and provide management to ensure the project scope is met and on schedule. She will be actively involved in planning and facilitating the workshops and tech talks within the project.

Principal Investigator (1102) – \$9,000

Kari Raburn, Ph.D., Rising Solutions, PLLC will lead the development of the online repository, website interface optimization, live-streaming, and on-demand training. She will review the BMPs and lead measurements of success including collaborating across 20 municipalities for needed data. She will also be actively involved in the planning and facilitating of in person workshops within the project.

Educational Specialist, Administrative and Event Facilitation Support (1103) – \$2,200

Gina Ratajc, Rising Solutions, PLLC will review the education modules for alignment with NC Department of Public Instruction Standard and match to child development based on her expertise with B.S. Degrees in Elementary Education and Spanish. Her experience teaching in elementary schools will enable important expertise for the Educator's workshop. She will translate materials to Spanish.

Gina Ratajc and other team members, Rising Solutions, PLLC will provide grant administration and event facilitation support such as on-site registration management and catering coordination. They will process grant documentation for reimbursement requests on grant expenditures.

NC AmeriCorps / Resiliency Corps NC Member (1201) – \$11,000

NC AmeriCorps/Resiliency Corps NC member will be actively involved throughout the project with specific assignments for meeting project scope. NC AmeriCorps/ Resilience Corps NC members will work to support the project and assist with logistics along with data collection.

Project Materials Total: \$6,300

Printing (2101) – \$500

Printing costs to cover supplies for all events, including name badges, posters, handouts, advertisement flyers, and agenda flyers.

Food (2102) – \$3,400

Refreshments/ meals during workshops and Tech Talks.

Teacher Tool Kits (2103) – \$2,400

Tool kits with materials to match Department of Public Instruction standards for K-12 related to environmental topics (i.e. water quality, stormwater, air quality, recycling) to give to teachers at the teacher workshop.

Professional Services Total: \$10,320

Repository for Online Hosting (3101) – \$1,320

Vimeo or a superior hosting service that includes live-streaming and on-line training capabilities for the two years of the project.

Event Filming, Live-Streaming, and Editing (3102) – \$6,000

Professional filming of events for live streaming and edited recordings for on demand trainings.

Website Interface Optimization (3103) – \$3,000

Project with The Agency to optimize the on-demand and live-streaming interface for stormwater professionals and citizens and to integrate the training documentation to meet US and NC stormwater permit standards.

Transportation Total: \$680

Mileage (4101) – \$680

Mileage covers transportation costs associated with the project for training of government leaders, stormwater professionals, educators, and citizens. It includes mileage for obtaining supplies, driving to workshops and training, administrative meetings, and media services.

Other Sources of Funding/Leverage of Project Total: \$56,300

NC AmeriCorps / Resiliency Corps NC (5101) – \$13,500

NC AmeriCorps/Resiliency Corps NC program: \$13,500

The EEG Program funding for NC AmeriCorps/Resiliency Corps NC members is projected with NC AmeriCorps Program funds of \$13,500 for the members salary, benefits, and training support. NC AmeriCorps/Resiliency Corps NC members provide an even greater value for the project when compared to employee work hours salary, estimated at \$43,231 based on 1700 hours x hourly volunteer wage value of \$25.43/hr. (Campbell, 2019).

Stormwater Professionals (5102) – \$7,500

RSPC Stormwater Professionals will assist in the development of the workshops and Tech Talks, speakers will contribute their time, professionals will invite other stormwater professionals, local business members, and citizens to the workshops, and coordinate use of the municipality facilities. It is *estimated* that an average of 5 hours/RSPC member will be contributed at an average salary rate plus benefits \$75/hour (5 hours x 20 members x \$75 = \$7,500)

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Meeting Locations (5103) – \$3,000

Local municipalities will allow use of their facilities for meetings and on-site resources such as coffee without charging the usual rental or catering fees. This contribution is conservatively estimated to be \$3,000.

Food for Events (5104) – \$2,300

The RSPC will provide \$2,300 funding for a portion of the workshops and Tech Talks refreshments.

Workshop Services (5105) – \$10,000

The RSPC will provide \$10,000 funding for a portion of expenses related to personnel for the facilitation of workshop services including but not limited to website management, event development and logistics, registration management, and management of NC AmeriCorps/Resiliency Corps NC member.

Environmental Messaging and Workshop Promotion (5106) – \$20,000

The RSPC has television and radio media campaign funding of \$20,000 to provide environmental messaging and workshop promotion. Extra value media coverage is provided via WCCB ads, Rising News Spotlight in-studio interview, and Carolina InSight in the field news coverage with an estimated added-value of \$36,950.

RSPC 020 SG Project Budget

| Item | Description | Budgeted |
|--------------|---|--|
| TOTAL | | \$47,000 |
| 1101 | Director: Rising Solutions | \$7,500 |
| 1102 | Principal Investigator: Rising Solutions | \$9,000 |
| 1103 | Admin. and Event Facilitation:Rising Solutions | \$2,200 |
| 1201 | AmeriCorps Member | \$11,000 |
| | | Total Personnel: \$29,700 |
| 2101 | Printing | \$500 |
| 2102 | Food budget | \$3,400 |
| 2103 | Teacher Tool-kits | \$2,400 |
| | | Total Supplies: \$6,300 |
| 3101 | Repository Hosting Trainings and Live Streaming | \$1,320 |
| 3102 | Event Filming, live stream, edit recording | \$6,000 |
| 3103 | Website Interface Optimization | \$3,000 |
| | | Total Professional Services: \$10,320 |
| 4101 | Mileage | \$680 |
| | | Total Mileage \$680 |

RSPC 020 SG: EEG Proposal Budget Narrative and Budget

RSPC 020 SG Project Leverage of Funding

| Leverage Project Funding | | |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| 5101 | AmeriCorps Program | \$13,500 |
| 5102 | Stormwater Professional Volunteer Time | \$7,500 |
| 5103 | Meeting Locations | \$3,000 |
| 5104 | Food for Events | \$2,300 |
| 5105 | Workshop Services | \$10,000 |
| 5106 | Environmental Messaging and Workshop Promotion | \$20,000 |
| Total Leverage Funding | | \$56,300 |

| Leverage Additional Value-Added Components | | |
|---|--|-----------------|
| 5101 | AmeriCorps Program Volunteer Value \$43,231 | \$18,731 |
| 5106 | Environmental Messaging and Workshop Promotion | \$36,950 |
| Total Leverage Additional Value-Added Components | | \$55,681 |



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Attachment 2: Proposed Timeline and Benchmarks

Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas
Kari M. Raburn, PhD
5-27-2020

Timeline:

The overall project timeline will be October 1, 2020 to Sept 30, 2022 for providing three Elected Officials Workshops, six Tech Talks, and one Educator Workshop as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Project Timeline

| Project Items | Oct - Dec 2020 | Jan - Mar 2021 | Apr - June 2021 | July- Sept 2021 | Oct- Dec 2021 | Jan - Mar 2022 | Apr - June 2022 | July- Sept 2022 |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Construction and Post Construction Run-off Tech Talk | X | | | | | | | |
| Elected Officials Workshop | | X | | | | | | |
| Tech Talk | | | X | | | | | |
| Teacher Training Workshop | | | | X | | | | |
| Tech Talk (2 locations) | | | | | X | | | |
| Elected Officials Workshops (2 locations) | | | | | | X | | |
| Tech Talk (2 locations) | | | | | | | X | |
| Web-based on-demand training | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Collection and Analysis of Measurements of Success | | | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Report Writing | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |

Benchmarks:

The project benchmarks will be the workshops and tech talk training provided to elected officials, professionals, business leaders, educators, and/or citizens as shown in the scheduled timeline (Table 1).

Benchmark measurement evaluations include:

1. Training: measurement based on number and location of training events, total time of training (in person, live streaming, online), number of participants (in person, live streaming, online), scope of responsibility (government leaders, stormwater professionals, business leaders, communities, teachers, and students) and municipality of participants. A survey will be conducted with attendees to gauge impact of training within their scope of responsibility.
2. Best Management Practices: measurement based on number of best management practice documents created, types of BMPs documents developed (e.g., restaurant, car wash, landscaping), and usage of BMPs documents in case resolutions.
3. Training impacts on business or municipal BMPs protocols: measurement based on the number, location, and timing of reporting, investigations, and resolutions.

Quarterly reports will be provided to summarize the project activities and the measurements of success data. Reporting will include training agenda flyers along with details on presenters and presentations, registrations, attendees, and budget expenditures. The presentations will be available on-line at <https://regionalstormwater.org/>



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Attachment 3: Organizational Materials

Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas
Kari M. Raburn, PhD
5-27-2020



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Chris Costner, Chairman
6012 Bayfield Parkway, Suite #220
Concord, NC 28027
May 26, 2020

Attorney General Josh Stein
Environmental Enhancement Grant Program
Sarah Zambon, Assistance Attorney General
114 W. Edenton St.
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Attorney General Josh Stein and EEG Program team:

Thank you for the opportunity for the Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas (RSPC) to submit a proposal for an Environmental Enhancement Grant. The RSPC fully supports the research project, *Minimizing Water Quality Impacts from Stormwater by Enhancing Government Leader, Professional, Educator, and Citizen Understanding*. The Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas (RSPC) leadership role for the research as the nonprofit grant receiving agency to provide workshops and Tech Talks is in alignment with stormwater programs initiatives within the 20-member municipal/government agencies.

The RSPC seeks to educate and bring awareness to the public, local businesses and education centers of our region about stormwater issues and their impact on our water quality and our environment. RSPC further aims to unite local stormwater professionals and stormwater programs by sharing information and ideas in order to collaborate, discuss and address similar stormwater issues on a regional level.

As the Chair of the RSPC organization, I look forward to the opportunity to work with RSPC members and Rising Solutions, PLLC along with NC AmeriCorps/Resiliency NC members on this EEG project. The EEG funding will assist in providing three Elected Officials Workshops, six Tech Talks, and one Educator Workshop. These trainings will enable decision makers to gain knowledge on environmental issues, professionals to implement best management practices, educators to share the knowledge and citizens to act upon this knowledge in their daily life for enhancing the environment. In addition, the EEG project will enhance the overall training by expanding the online and live streaming capabilities which is so critical during the COVID-19 Pandemic in keeping citizens and essential workers safe and healthy.

There are several ways which the City of Monroe and other RSPC members may provide assistance to the research project:

- Expertise leadership throughout the project
- Participate in the development of Elected Officials workshop, Tech Talks, and Educator workshops
- Provide speaker recommendations
- Present information at the workshops and Tech Talks
- Provide meeting logistics assistance
- Provide facilities to host workshops and training
- RSPC will provide project support with their currently budgeted workshops and training funding.

The Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas is prepared to collaborate within the research project and look forward to the opportunities which will evolve as the meaningful work moves forward with elected officials, educators, professionals, business leaders, and citizens. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (704) 282-4537 or email me at ccostner@monroenc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Costner', followed by a stylized monogram or initials.

Chris Costner, P.E., CSM

RSPC Chairman

Stormwater Engineer, City of Monroe



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6012 Bayfield Parkway, Suite #220
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May 26, 2020

The Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas is not required to have an annual independent audit at this time. The revenue is based on dues and there are no employees.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **AUG 21 2019**

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C/O ROBINSON BRADSHAW & HINSON PA
TY SHAFFER
101 NORTH TRYON STREET STE 1900
CHARLOTTE, NC 28246

Employer Identification Number:
82-4563496
DLN:
17053077339009
Contact Person:
PETER A ORLETT ID# 31436
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:
June 30
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
No
Effective Date of Exemption:
September 28, 2018
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

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We sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen A. Martin".

Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas
Annual Budget

Fiscal Year: 2019-2020

| Account | Last Year Actual 2018- 2019 | | Current Year | | | Coming Year Budget Officers Estimate | Variance | |
|--------------------|---|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| | | | Budget 2019-2020 | Actual to May 6 2019 | Estimated Entire Year | | | |
| 1 | Facilitation Services | \$ 39,138.00 | \$ 41,019.00 | \$ 30,764.25 | \$ - | \$ 42,020.00 | \$ 10,254.75 | |
| 2 | Advertising | \$ 21,200.00 | \$ 21,500.00 | \$ 10,600.00 | \$ - | \$ 21,500.00 | \$ 10,900.00 | |
| 3 | Quarterly Meetings Supplies | \$ 1,186.96 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 534.90 | \$ - | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 965.10 | |
| 4 | Printing and Supplies | \$ - | \$ 2,600.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,600.00 | \$ 2,600.00 | |
| 5 | Postage - UPS Box | \$ 228.00 | \$ 350.00 | \$ 228.00 | \$ - | \$ 300.00 | \$ 122.00 | |
| 6 | Promo Items | \$ 2,640.42 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,236.17 | \$ - | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ (236.17) | |
| 7 | Events | \$ 1,807.43 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 1,248.07 | \$ - | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 1,251.93 | |
| 8 | Misc. Fees | \$ 153.00 | \$ 750.00 | \$ 400.00 | \$ - | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 350.00 | |
| 9 | Professional Fees | \$ 8,662.13 | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 1,227.00 | \$ - | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 2,273.00 | |
| | Intern | \$ - | \$ 4,750.00 | \$ 4,750.00 | \$ - | \$ 4,750.00 | | |
| 10 | Expenditures Totals | \$ 75,015.94 | \$ - | \$ 80,469.00 | \$ 51,988.39 | \$ - | \$ 84,670.00 | \$ 28,480.61 |
| Advertising | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Website | \$ 300.00 | \$ 300.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 300.00 | | |
| 13 | WFAE Radio Ads | \$ 8,000.00 | \$ 8,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 8,000.00 | | |
| 15 | Television Placement | \$ 12,000.00 | \$ 12,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 12,000.00 | | |
| 17 | Google Ad Words | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 600.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,200.00 | | |
| | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | | |
| | Total | \$ 21,500.00 | \$ - | \$ 21,500.00 | \$ 10,600.00 | \$ - | \$ 21,500.00 | |
| | Revenues (Dues) | \$ 64,250.00 | \$ 66,125.00 | \$ 65,375.00 | | | | |
| | Projected Transfer from Reserves | \$ 10,765.94 | \$ 14,344.00 | \$ 15,094.00 | | \$ 19,295.00 | | |
| | Total | \$ 75,015.94 | \$ 80,469.00 | \$ 80,469.00 | | | | |
| | Organizational Balance as of July 1, 2019 | \$ 82,115.81 | | | | | | |
| | Dues Collected | \$ 65,375.00 | | | | | | |
| | Expenditures | \$ 51,988.39 | | | | | | |
| | Current Balance | \$ 95,502.42 | | | | | | |
| | Projected Balance as of June 30, 2020 | \$ 67,021.81 | | | | | | |

Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas
Annual Budget Estimates - Revenues

Fiscal Year: 2019-2020

| Agency | Current Year | | | Dues 2018 |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | Tier | Dues | Date Paid | First Year Discount |
| Charlotte | 7 | \$ 17,500.00 | 8/29/2019 | \$ 17,500.00 |
| Mecklenburg County | 6 | \$ 12,000.00 | 8/14/2019 | \$ 12,000.00 |
| China Grove | 1 | \$ 750.00 | 7/24/2019 | \$ 750.00 |
| Dallas | 1 | \$ 750.00 | 7/29/2019 | \$ 750.00 |
| Lake Park | 1 | \$ 750.00 | 7/24/2019 | \$ 750.00 |
| Landis | 1 | \$ 375.00 | 10/8/2019 | \$ 375.00 |
| Lowell | 1 | \$ 750.00 | 7/31/2019 | \$ 750.00 |
| Bessemer City | 2 | \$ 1,500.00 | 7/26/2019 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Cramerton | 1 | \$ 1,500.00 | 7/25/2019 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Belmont | 3 | \$ 2,500.00 | 8/16/2019 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Harrisburg | 3 | \$ 2,500.00 | 8/13/2019 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Mt. Holly | 3 | \$ 2,500.00 | 8/2/2019 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Shelby | 3 | \$ 2,500.00 | 7/25/2019 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Stallings | 3 | \$ 2,500.00 | 7/25/2019 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Monroe | 4 | \$ 4,000.00 | 7/26/2019 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Mooresville | 4 | \$ 4,000.00 | 8/9/2019 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Statesville | 4 | \$ 4,000.00 | 9/13/2019 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Gastonia | 5 | \$ 5,000.00 | 8/1/2019 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Town of Stanley | 1 | \$ 750.00 | | \$ - |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | Outstanding | \$750.00 |
| | | | | |
| | | \$ 66,125.00 | TOTAL | \$ 65,375.00 |



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Attachment 4: Letters of Support

Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas
Kari M. Raburn, PhD
5-27-2020



North Carolina General Assembly
House of Representatives

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN AUTRY
100TH DISTRICT

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16 W. JONES STREET
RALEIGH, NC 27601-2808
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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT II
VETERAN & MILITARY AFFAIRS

To Whom It May Concern,

RE: Environmental Enhancement Grant Application

Please accept this letter of support for the Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolina's (RSPC) Environmental Enhancement Grant (EEG) Application.

The RSPC has consistently fulfilled its mission to educate and bring awareness to the public, local businesses and education centers of our region about stormwater issues and their impact on water quality and our environment. And by doing so have built the capacity needed to expand their educational programs to reach a wider audience.

The project, Minimizing Water Quality Impacts from Stormwater by Enhancing Understanding of Government Leaders, Professionals, Educators, and Citizens, will enable decision makers to gain knowledge on environmental issues, begin to implement best management practices, and identify challenges facing North Carolina's environment in order to create solutions to address those challenges.

The proposed project will allow the RSPC to expand their educational offerings, enable the RSPC to live stream allowing audience participation from off-site and recording of workshops to provide training on demand.

The RSPC has the wherewithal to implement this important educational project. To that end I lend my support and stand ready to do whatever I can to ensure its success.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Autry". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

North Carolina House of Representatives
District 100

Attorney General Josh Stein
Environmental Enhancement Grant Program
Sarah Zambon, Assistance Attorney General
114 W. Edenton St.
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Attorney General Josh Stein and EEG Program team:

May I state that one of our most important assets in NC is a body of elected officials, educated to conservation of our natural resources, most importantly, clean water. Water will be the next battleground is what we are hearing. If our colleagues in the Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas can expand their outstanding work to other important stakeholders in our communities, life for all NC residents will improve and our threatened environment will have a better chance.

Over the last 20 years, I have attended multiple sessions of this outreach in Charlotte, as a Charlotte City Council Member and as a Mecklenburg Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor. I can proclaim that I always come away 1. better educated (visuals of projects, new BMP's, insights on better communication of issues) 2. better connected (meeting other elected officials and sharing problems and solutions, finding out where common concerns and projects are, interfacing with those who are experts in this field and who earn my trust) 3. better motivated (knowledge gained there makes me a better functioning MSWCD Supervisor, advocate for the environment and BMP's, and citizen, responsible for my own consumption/practices regarding water/stormwater).

There are two innovative points in this grant which are winners. Expanding this opportunity to educators will exponentially increase the vital message in our communities. Children have a wonderful way of absorbing important information, particularly about the environment, and becoming the very best advocates for best conservation practices. The other point is off site education as well. This quarantine situation has taught all of us so much about the potential of interactive at-home meetings and receiving valuable information and connections via the internet.

I am delighted and proud to endorse the grant application of the RSPC and truly hope they will garner your support...for they will achieve their goals, quod.

Most sincerely,

Nancy Carter (electronic submittal on Thu, May 21, 2020 at 12:12 PM)

Mecklenburg Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, Vice Chair
National Association of Conservation Districts' Urban and Community Resource Policy Group, Vice Chair



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SENATOR NATASHA R. MARCUS
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ECONOMIC RESOURCES

May 27, 2020

Attorney General Josh Stein
Environmental Enhancement Grant Program
Sarah Zambon, Assistant Attorney General
114 W. Edenton St.
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Attorney General Josh Stein and EEG Program team:

I am writing to support the Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas' (RSPC) proposal for an Environmental Enhancement Grant from your office. Their project, *Minimizing Water Quality Impacts from Stormwater by Enhancing Government Leader, Professional, Educator, and Citizen Understanding*, will allow RSPC to expand their workshops in a multitude of ways, including increasing the number of locations, incorporating new technology such as livestreaming and recording capabilities to their trainings, collaborating with additional municipalities, and creating a workshop specifically for educators. Considering the current difficulties and concerns related to COVID-19, it is crucial that RSPC have the ability to implement live streaming and other ways to reach their audiences and allow training to continue safely.

Earlier this year, I participated in the RSPC Elected Officials Workshop and experienced firsthand their excellent programming and the value of their work. Their expertise and capabilities are vital to making progress on issues related to water quality.

Clean water and minimizing the impacts of stormwater are very important issues that need to be addressed in my district, in Mecklenburg County, and statewide. I urge you to support this proposal.

Sincerely,

Natasha R. Marcus





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Attachment 5: Descriptive Documentation

Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas
Kari M. Raburn, PhD
5-27-2020

Elected Officials Stormwater Workshops



Figure 1: Elected Officials Stormwater Workshop

The Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas presents:

Stormwater Workshop for Elected Officials

Agenda

- 8:30-9:00 Registration and Light Breakfast
- 9:00-9:15 Welcome and Introductions
- 9:15-9:45 Protecting our Water Resources
- 9:45-10:15 NCDEQ's Municipal Stormwater Permit Compliance Initiative
- 10:15-10:30 Break
- 10:30-11:00 Municipal Stormwater Fees and Importance for Stormwater Infrastructure
- 11:00-11:30 Building Stormwater Infrastructure to Serve as Community Amenities
- 11:30-11:50 Lunch Pickup
- 11:50-12:00 North Carolina Community Conservation Assistance Program
- 12:00-12:30 Interactive Audience and Panel Discussion

FEBRUARY 26TH
8:30AM-12:30PM

2145 Suttle Ave. 4th Floor
Charlotte, NC

Register at:
<https://regionalstormwater.org/stormwater-workshop-2020/>

For more information contact Regina Guyer, 704-701-2270, Regina.Guyer@RisingSolutionsPLLC.com

The Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas presents:

Stormwater Workshop for Elected Officials

Agenda

- 8:30 - 9 a.m. Registration and Light Breakfast
- 9 - 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 9:30 - 10 a.m. Stormwater Program Goals & Objectives and the Importance of Partnerships
- 10 - 10:30 a.m. Clean Water Act and Municipal Stormwater Permit Requirements
- 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Break
- 10:45 - 11:15 a.m. Stormwater Fees and Aging Stormwater Infrastructure
- 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Importance of Streams Buffers and Stormwater Control Measures
- 11:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. Lunch Pickup
- 12 - 12:30 p.m. Interactive Audience and Panel Discussion

February 28, 2019
8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
2145 Suttle Ave., Charlotte, 4th Floor

REGISTER AT:
[HTTPS://REGIONALSTORMWATER.ORG/STORMWATER-WORKSHOP-REGISTRATION](https://regionalstormwater.org/stormwater-workshop-registration)

FOR MORE INFO
Contact Regina Guyer at REGINA.GUYER@RISINGSOLUTIONSPLLC.COM

PRESENTERS

-  Dave Cansan
Mecklenburg Co. Storm Water Services Director
-  Derek Stocum
Statesville Public Works Director
-  Erin Riggs
UNC Environmental Finance Center
-  Evan Kirk
UNC Environmental Finance Center
-  Will Wilbush
Kimley-Horn & Associates Vice President

Figure 2: Stormwater Workshop for Elected Officials Flyer 2019 and 2020

Tech Talks



Figure 3: Left: October 24, 2018 Tech Talk - GIS Mapping for Stormwater Applications, Chris Costner, Monroe
Right: May 21, 2019 Tech Talk Panel - Managing Stormwater Service Requests from Citizens

The Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas

Managing Stormwater Service Requests from Citizens

Tech Talk

Come learn protocols, procedures, prioritization processes, common problems/issues, and interesting cases from different municipalities for handling both stormwater pollution and drainage service requests from citizens.

TIME: 9AM - 11:30AM
DATE: MAY 21st

Gaston College - Kimbrell Campus
7220 Wilkinson Blvd, Belmont, NC 28012

REGISTER NOW AT
<https://regionalstormwater.org/tech-talk-may-2019/>



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The Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas

presents

Municipal Staff Training

Spill Response, Illicit Discharges, and Good Housekeeping

Agenda

9:00-9:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast/Networking

9:15-9:20 a.m. Welcome and Overview of RSPC

9:20-9:45 a.m. Kevin Herring, Charlotte

9:45-10:10 a.m. Andrew DeCristofaro, Mecklenburg County

10:10-10:40 a.m. Chris Costner, Monroe

10:40-10:55 a.m. Break

10:55-11:25 a.m. Panel of 8 Municipalities

11:25-11:30 a.m. Concluding Remarks

Staff training is required by municipal stormwater permits and this training will meet that requirement. Experts will present on the topics of spill response, identifying & reporting illicit discharges, and good housekeeping for municipal operations.

TIME: 9AM - 11:30AM
DATE: October 2nd

China Grove Community Building
412 South Myrtle Ave
China Grove, NC 28023

REGISTER NOW AT
<https://regionalstormwater.org/staff-training-october-2019/>

For more info, contact Regina Guyer
Regina.Guyer@RisingSolutionsPLLC.com
704-701-2270



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Figure 4. May and October 2019 Tech Talk Flyers



Figure 5: October 2, 2019 Tech Talk – Municipal Staff Training