

FY2011 Regional Stormwater Management Program

Accomplishments to Date

June 8, 2011

Local Government Participation and Oversight

- Sought answers from TCEQ to regulatory questions on behalf of participants
- Administered contracts and budget

Regional Stormwater Resource Center

- Completed updates to the dfwstormwater.com website as needed
- Seven articles on stormwater related issues submitted to *Insight* department newsletter

Regional Monitoring Program

- Final annual report was completed and submitted to TCEQ
- A Request for Proposals for the next permit term of regional monitoring was prepared and posted
- A Consultant Briefing for the RFP was held on February 11, 2011
- Responses to questions were posted
- RFPs were received on February 28, 2011
- Interviews were held with participating consultants on March 30, 2011 and the top-ranked firm of Atkins, Inc. was selected.
- A meeting between Atkins and the regional participants was held on April 14, 2011 to discuss work scope and cost.
- Final negotiations are underway and approval to contract with Atkins will be sought from the NCTCOG Executive Board later this month.

Public Education and Participation

- Conducted four (4) meetings of the Stormwater Public Education Task Force (PETF)
- Developed and posted a tentative PETF meeting schedule to www.dfwstormwater.com/education
- Posted meeting agendas, presentations, and summaries to www.dfwstormwater.com/education
- Distributed activity reports to Phase II participants and five Phase I participants documenting the public education-related activities that took place during the appropriate reporting periods
- Presented at the Native Plant Society of Texas symposium in Denton on the Texas SmartScape® program
- Conducted the FY11 Cooperative Purchase
- Adapted City of Denton's dog waste pledge template with regional information and the "DOO the Right Thing" logo
- Informed participants of North Texas Grease Abatement Council's fats, oils, and grease efforts
- Completed the final draft of the construction site field guide, sought input from stormwater contacts and the iSWM implementation committee, and finalized the text based on comments; NCTCOG staff is in the process of developing the final guide through InDesign
- Prepared "March is Texas SmartScape Month" planning tools, including a press release and PSAs for print
- Facilitated a free Texas SmartScape training class taught by Dotty Woodson, Texas AgriLife Extension Program Specialist, on February 22, 2011 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Urban Solutions Center in Dallas
- Posted new information to the Texas SmartScape web site www.txsmartscape.com (e.g. promoted the SmartScape class and added new companies to the "SmartScape-friendly companies" page)
- Coordinated with a local nursery to install SmartScape stickers that identify "SmartScape-approved" plants
- Informed participants that the FY2012 project is to target green business or industry groups

- Determined that a regional approach for educating landscape maintenance companies on proper yard waste management would be conducted as part of the yard waste campaign as well as to kick-off the green business project
- Collected educational stormwater-related articles from PETF members as part of the stormwater issues campaign and posted them to the Yahoo Groups page
- Activated the “Doo the Right Thing” online pledge and updated the www.dfwstormwater.com/petwaste web pages to announce the 2011 dog photo contest
- Received paper pet waste pledges from PETF members and added them to the database
- Submitted an InSight article about “Doo the Right Thing” to promote awareness and inform the public of the dog photo contest
- Responded to several Texas SmartScape inquiries from the general public
- Assisted PETF participants and other RSWMP participants with any PETF-related questions (e.g. help promoting the “Doo the Right Thing” message, etc.)
- Working with the City of Denton to re-design the pet waste bookmarks
- As part of the yard waste campaign, drafting an agreement for lawn care companies to commit to in order to be promoted as a green business
- As part of stormwater issues campaign, PETF members and NCTCOG staff are gathering questions and answers for the jeopardy game targeting school-aged children to educate them about stormwater

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

- Conducted three (3) meetings of the IDDE Task Force
- Scheduled the Dry Weather Field Screening Workshop for June 22, 2011; NCTCOG staff and workshop trainers are considering a second workshop due to the high level of interest
- Finalized the IDDE Field Investigation Guide, received bids for printing, sought interest from the IDDE Task Force and other stormwater contacts on the number of copies, and submitted the appropriate paper work for printing
- In the process of researching ideas for the IDDE Training, which will likely be scheduled for September 2011

Municipal Pollution Prevention

- Conducted three (3) meetings of the Pollution Prevention Task Force
- Construction Video changes discussed and approved by Task Force
- Script for Construction video in process
- Construction video script finished and approved by P2 Task Force
- Discussion of revising posters for municipal employees
- Posters are in development and will be reviewed at next meeting

iSWM Program for Construction and Development (funded under the Regional Public Works Program)

- Held two Construction Inspector Training class at the Regional Training Center
- Updated iSWM License Agreement
- Providing ongoing implementation support to cities
- Draft Work Scope for consultant services complete, awaiting iSWM Implementation Committee approval