



## News From RI Stormwater Solutions

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Dear Lisa,

Did you attend the Draft Rhode Island Stormwater Design and Installation Standards Manual Informational Session? **If you are interested in a copy of any of the presentations shown**, we wanted to let you know that they are now online at the [RIDEM website](#). **Comments will be accepted through June 30, 2009** and can be e-mailed to: [stormwater@dem.ri.gov](mailto:stormwater@dem.ri.gov).

We also wanted to let you know about two upcoming events: a free **Watershed and Stormwater Webcast** happening on June 17th and a **half-day Overview Workshop about the Draft Stormwater Manual**, sponsored by and held at DEM on June 24th. The Overview Workshop is *intended primarily for municipal officials* and will not contain the technical detail discussed in the June 4th informational session.

Details about both events are included below.

### **The Center for Watershed Protection Sponsors A Watershed and Stormwater Management Webcast Series:**

#### ***Managing Stormwater in the Age of Budget Cuts***

**Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2009**

Two-Hour Live Webcast

Eastern: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Cost: FREE!

**Registration closes 6/12/09**

Space is limited, so register today to secure your spot!

#### **About the Webcast:**

The Center for Watershed Protection is pleased to announce the second offering in our new webcast series. Attendees can now save time, travel expenses and, perhaps most importantly, carbon emissions, by attending our training workshops over the Web. The second webcast focuses on "Managing Stormwater in the Age of Budget Cuts". Join speakers from CWP, as well as guest speakers from local government and the private sector as they share their experiences and lessons learned with various revenue sources.

Providing adequate revenue for local stormwater programs is a challenging task that requires balancing regulatory requirements, capital programs, and citizen needs in the face of uncertain budgets and staffing levels. This webcast will give you 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 the [CWP website](#).

## **Overview Workshop on the Draft RI Stormwater Manual For Municipal Officials**

**Date:** June 24, 2009

**Time:** 8:30 am (Registration and coffee); 9:00 am to 11:00 am (Workshop)

**Location:** Room 300, RI Department of Environmental Management, Providence, RI (directions and parking info may be found at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/contact/fo.htm>).

**Workshop Description:** This workshop will provide a brief, non-technical overview of the Public Review Draft Rhode Island Stormwater Manual. The draft manual can be downloaded here: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/permits/ripdes/stwater/t4guide/desman.htm>.

The workshop is intended to provide planners, municipal officials, environmental groups, and others with a brief overview of how the new draft manual is different from the existing manual (adopted in 1993), what new requirements will apply to projects, and how municipalities can help meet the standards outlined in the manual through changes in local regulations.

The workshop will not cover technical information more appropriate for designers and engineers, but instead will focus on Low-Impact Development (LID) site planning and design strategies and how they are effective ways to reduce stormwater impacts. This workshop will provide you an opportunity to ask your questions and participate in dialogue with state and other local officials, and to provide input on the manual before the formal rule-making process begins in September.

**Speakers:** Russ Chateauneuf, P.E., Chief, Groundwater and Wetlands Protection, RIDEM  
Eric Beck, P.E., Supervisor, RIPDES Program, RIDEM  
Scott Millar, Administrator, Sustainable Watersheds, RIDEM  
Jim Boyd, Coastal Policy Analyst, RICRMC

**Registration:** There is NO COST to attend the workshop, but please REGISTER with Jennifer West, Narragansett Bay Research Reserve Coastal Training Program Coordinator, at [jennifer@nbnerr.org](mailto:jennifer@nbnerr.org) or 401-222-4700, x 7413.

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