

# Success Story: Bristol and Stormwater Management Diane Williamson, Town of Bristol



# BRISTOL'S STORMWATER EXPERIENCE

**BRISTOL'S 5-YEAR RE-CERTIFICATION VISIT** 

## **PREPARATION FOR VISIT**

- REVIEW THE CRS MANUAL TO DETERMINE ALL THE ACTIVITIES THAT YOU THINK YOU CAN GET CREDIT FOR
- PREPARE YOUR FILES AND ORGANIZE
- MEET WITH THE STATE TO REVIEW
- IF IN DOUBT ON WHETHER YOU'LL GET CREDIT FOR AN ACTIVITY, PROVIDE THE INFORMATION AND THE REVIEWER WILL DETERMINE – BRISTOL'S WATERSHED MASTER PLAN DIDN'T SCORE BUT WE CAN BUILD ON THAT FOR NEXT TIME

## **REVIEW THE ORDINANCES**

- WE HAD AN OLDER STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE ON THE BOOKS ALONG WITH A SOIL EROSION, RUNOFF, AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ORDINANCE. WE ALSO HAVE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS THAT REQUIRE DRAINAGE PROVISIONS.
- WE HAD A COUPLE OF COMPLAINTS FROM ENGINEERS THAT THERE WERE INCONSISTENCIES IN THE DOCUMENTS

## **REVIEW THE ORDINANCES**

• COMMISSIONED AN AUDIT OF THE REGULATIONS TO IMPROVE UPON THEM AND AS A RESULT WE LOOKED AT HOW WE COULD IMPROVE AND COORDINATE WITH THE STATE'S REGULATIONS REFERENCING THE RI STORMWATER MANUAL

## **REVIEW THE ORDINANCES**

- THE PLANNING BOARD HAD RECENTLY ADOPTED UPDATED LID REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS THAT ALSO DOVETAILED WITH THE POINTS FROM THE CRS ACTIVITY.
- THE AUDIT AND REVIEW PRIOR TO OUR VISIT WORKED OUT WELL FOR US AND I WOULD RECOMMEND IT IF YOU CAN AND UPDATE ACCORDINGLY

## **ELEMENTS**

#### • WE EARNED POINTS FOR:

- THE AREA OF THE WATERSHED REGULATED ENTIRE TANYARD BROOK WATERSHED IS REGULATED AND MOST AREAS OF TOWN WITH ONLY SOME EXCLUSIONS
- THE DESIGN STORM
- **REQUIREMENTS FOR LID TECHNIQUES**
- REQUIRING INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STORMWATER FACILITIES

## DOCUMENTATION

- YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE DRAINAGE CALCULATIONS THAT ARE REVIEWED TO DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE ELEMENTS OF THE ACTIVITY.
- REVIEW YOUR FILES AND PROVIDE GOOD REFERENCES TO HAVE REVIEWED
- REVIEWER WILL ALSO DO SITE VISITS TOO SO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS IN COMPLIANCE

## **ACTIVITY 450**

### HAPPY TO SAY THAT WE EARNED 244 POINTS IN THIS ACTIVITY WHICH I AM TOLD IS THE HIGHEST IN THE STATE.