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1 MR. COSGROVE: Good afternoon,  
2 everybody. My name is Jim Cosgrove. I'm the  
3 Chair of New Jersey Clean Water Council. We're  
4 going to get started now. I'd like to welcome  
5 you to our 2016 Clean Water Council Annual  
6 Hearing. You may think that it seems like it was  
7 just a few months ago when you we had our annual  
8 hearing. We moved it up a little bit this year.

9 So rather than having it in December  
10 around the holidays, we took this as the  
11 opportunity to get into a more reasonable time  
12 when we had a very interesting subject to talk  
13 about, so that's why we're here today, so our  
14 topic, as you all know, is the Municipal  
15 Stormwater Permit Renewal. It's been posted on  
16 New Jersey DEP's website.

17 This is, as I said, a renewal of the  
18 existing Municipal Stormwater Permit. The other  
19 thing I should mention, because I know I am going  
20 to make this mistake. I'll start using acronyms  
21 like MS4. MS4 is Municipal Separate Stormwater  
22 Sewer, so MS4 permit is what many people refer to  
23 the types of permits that we're talking about  
24 today

25 So I just thought it would be wise

1 to start with a little overview of the Clean  
2 Water Council. We have these hearings once a  
3 year. Some of you may have attended prior  
4 hearings, and I just wanted to say a few words  
5 about the Clean Water Council. We're an advisory  
6 council to the DEP on water resources issues, and  
7 one of the things that I think is a real benefit  
8 is the diversity of the council.

9           We have people from many different  
10 walks of life on the council, and that enables  
11 us, I think, to provide better insight to the  
12 department. We always joke about is if we can  
13 agree on a topic, then there's a good chance that  
14 if DEP releases some new regulation or new  
15 policy, that it will be vetted a little bit  
16 better through the input of our council. So we  
17 think it's a great -- we provide a great sounding  
18 board for DEP on issues like permits, which we're  
19 talking about today

20           So before we move into the program,  
21 since we have a small crowd today, I thought it  
22 would be a good idea to have each of the council  
23 members introduce themselves and just state what  
24 group they represent on the council. I think it  
25 will give you a good sense of the diversity of

1 the council, so I'll start. I'm Jim Cosgrove. I  
2 work for Kleinfelder. I'm the chair of the  
3 council, and I also am representing the New  
4 Jersey Society of Professional Engineers on the  
5 council. Jessica.

6 MS. SANCHEZ: Jessica Sanchez. I'm  
7 Vice Chair of the council, and I represent the  
8 Delaware River Basin Commission.

9 MS. STURM: Chris Sturm from New  
10 Jersey Future, and I am a public member.

11 MS. BERG: I'm Gina Berg. I  
12 represent the New Jersey Association of the  
13 Counties, and I'm Second Vice Chair.

14 MR. VALENTE: Tony Valente, New  
15 Jersey Department of Labor. I represent the  
16 commission.

17 MR. REQUA: Good afternoon. Jim  
18 Requa representing the Commissioner of the  
19 Department of Community Affairs.

20 MR. FURNARI: Russ Furnari, and I  
21 represent the New Jersey State Chamber of  
22 Commerce.

23 MR. BAKUN: Hello. Geroge Bakun. I  
24 work with Phillip representing New Jersey BIA.

25 MR. MINCH: Frank Minch, New Jersey

1 Department of Agriculture.

2 MS. HEINRICH: Helen Heinrich, New  
3 Jersey Farm Bureau.

4 MS. HOLDEN: Mary Anna Holden, New  
5 Jersey Commission of Public Utilities.

6 MR. NEELY: Lou Neely representing  
7 the League of Municipalities.

8 MR. CACH: I'm Stan Cach. I'm  
9 representing NJ DEP.

10 MR. MONACO: Vince Monaco. I'm one  
11 of the alternate members of the New Jersey  
12 Advisory Council.

13 MR. COSGROVE: Thank you. So just  
14 thought of something that's very important. If  
15 you need the rest rooms, they're behind the back  
16 wall. You can either go out the side doors or  
17 the back doors, and Lou tells me that the coffee  
18 for 65 cents in the machine back there is not  
19 bad, so if you start getting a little tired, then  
20 you know where to go. So each year, the council  
21 is required to have an annual hearing on a  
22 subject related to water resources and especially  
23 related to statute, rules and regulations.

24 Today we're focused on the MS4  
25 permits, preliminary draft permit that was

1 recently issued by DEP. The permit's an update  
2 to the permit that's already been in effect with  
3 a few more requirements than previously was in  
4 effect, so today, you got the opportunity, those  
5 of you who are here, to testify or to just  
6 listen, to learn more about the details of the  
7 MS4 permit and be part of the process before the  
8 formal draft permit is issued. It's a good  
9 opportunity to have input at a time where your  
10 input can truly be reflected in the permit.

11               We're also going to provide some  
12 insight as to how municipalities can go above and  
13 beyond municipal permit by implementing  
14 stormwater treatment system retrofits to reduce  
15 flooding and improve water quality. So I believe  
16 that stormwater issues are going to be in the  
17 forefront more and more as we go forward. We've  
18 spent years focusing on point source discharges,  
19 waste water treatment plant discharges to the  
20 environment and we've made great strides in terms  
21 of improving water quality as a result of the  
22 upgrades to our waste water treatment plants.

23               But now, in order to really solve  
24 flooding and water quality problems that remain  
25 in the state, we're going to have to tackle the



1 non-point source pollution and the stormwater,  
2 the Municipal Stormwater Permit, is a permit that  
3 gets at that issue and it gets added in a little  
4 bit different way. Many of you are familiar with  
5 the New Jersey stormwater Management Regulations.  
6 Those are more oriented towards new development.  
7 Here, on the municipal permit, we're talking  
8 about stormwater from existing development, and  
9 that's really something that we have to focus on  
10 if we're going to improve both flooding and water  
11 quality.

12                   So that's what we're doing here  
13 today, so if I could just quickly go over the  
14 agenda, and then I'm going to turn it over to Dan  
15 Kennedy as our keynote speaker. Dan is, as I  
16 said, is going to be our keynote speaker and will  
17 spend a few minutes talking to us about the  
18 priorities of the department and the stormwater  
19 issue.

20                   Then Jim Murphy is going to talk to  
21 us, also from DEP, is going to talk to us about  
22 the permit itself, the details of the  
23 requirements in the permit, and then Brian  
24 Friedlich, from my office, is going to talk to  
25 you about some stormwater retrofits that we've

1 done in municipalities to improve water quality  
2 and flooding. After that, we'll have a brief  
3 question and answer period, and then around 2:45,  
4 we'll probably start taking public testimony, so  
5 that's our day.

6                   At this point, I'd like to introduce  
7 Dan Kennedy to you. Dan, we really appreciate  
8 you coming here today. Dan is the Assistant  
9 Commissioner in charge of Water Resources, and  
10 I'm going to turn the program over to him.

11                   MR. KENNEDY: Good afternoon. Nice  
12 to be outside of Trenton and not talking about  
13 lead, so on behalf of Commissioner Martin, I  
14 appreciate the opportunity to come here and speak  
15 with you. Also appreciate the accommodation on  
16 the schedule. We know that Commissioner Martin  
17 was in front of this group giving a keynote type  
18 observations, it was in the fall, and nothing  
19 changes a lot in a couple months.

20                   So I'm going to be a little shorter  
21 on the bigger picture and try to focus more on  
22 our goals of the stormwater program of DEP. And  
23 Jim really t'd it up for me pretty nicely.  
24 Commissioner Martin has expressed to the council  
25 members, and to the group publically, that he

1 really values this group as kind of a prime  
2 vehicle for input, and your input does inform  
3 next steps.

4                   Our approach here to this permit was  
5 not to get too far down the road before taking  
6 some legitimate public comment. When we say  
7 legitimate, I don't think Jim Murphy -- what we  
8 meant by that, but we have Jim scurrying  
9 throughout the state, including Michelle, Janice  
10 as well, all over the place trying to educate the  
11 public and most focused on the municipalities who  
12 received this draft who actually have to operate  
13 on it.

14                   My perspective is not mostly from  
15 Trenton. My perspective more has two roles.  
16 First role, when I was at Burlington County, I  
17 watched Gina Berg trying to scurry around to get  
18 counties to comply with the existing permit, and  
19 I understand the huge challenge that was and the  
20 enormous effort, not only on municipalities, but  
21 counties go through an unshared service to meet  
22 the goals of the current program, and I guess my  
23 second role that I think helps me understand this  
24 a little bit better, as I sat, for a decent  
25 amount of time, on my local planning board.

1 I sat with folks who knew my  
2 community inside and out, as I'm doing as a  
3 resident in the community I live in now, got  
4 folks that really know the blocks in and out, but  
5 if you talk to them and Miss Jones, who I sat  
6 next to, was a really nice woman, cared a lot  
7 about our community, but if you talk to her about  
8 the details of stormwater, and Mrs. Jones is  
9 making some pretty big decisions along side me on  
10 these issues, not to be critical of Miss Jones,  
11 and Miss Jones is a fictitious figure.

12 Miss Jones doesn't exist, but for  
13 example, there were members of the planning board  
14 I sat with that were making big decisions on very  
15 practical and important matters, not only to the  
16 private property owners but to the community with  
17 always a lot of training or understanding of the  
18 role it has under the MS4 program, so I've always  
19 served on many regional boards and commissions  
20 and have a pretty big perspective of stormwater  
21 from a regional perspective.

22 That being said, it's the  
23 observations from staff and the experience of  
24 staff that drove this, so congratulate first our  
25 staff for putting out, what we think, is a very

1 quality work product. Clearly there is vetting  
2 and some tweaks before we go as a final draft,  
3 but I'm going to speak to you about process  
4 around -- the observation is we don't know  
5 exactly always the perfect thing to do from our  
6 seats at Trenton.

7               So I think hopefully this expresses  
8 to you our knowledge that we know we can't get it  
9 right from just operating from Trenton, and also  
10 we're willing to listen and are listening and are  
11 willing to adapt this permit to become more  
12 understandable and more responsive to the  
13 statutory and regulatory obligations of the  
14 framework here in New Jersey. We also note a lot  
15 of similarities in this approach with many of the  
16 things that have been said about asset management  
17 from podiums like this from discussions with the  
18 Clean Water Council.

19               Stormwater, like almost every issue  
20 that we face in water resource management, can't  
21 be properly addressed without a proper inventory,  
22 assessment of criticality of that inventory,  
23 proper thinking through of the schedule for  
24 replacement. A proper thinking through of the  
25 maintenance and upgrades needed to make sure that

1 standards are met, so stormwater is like many of  
2 the other issues that we talk about in this  
3 sphere of water quality in New Jersey.

4                   And you'll see a lot of similarities  
5 to our approach in this permit to the CSO permit  
6 that we issued in that final last summary. In  
7 fact, some of the check list on asset management,  
8 there was a lot of shared language, shared  
9 vocabulary and we think that only helps the  
10 regulated community to understand these issues a  
11 little bit better and therefore make it easier  
12 for them to apply for the permit.

13                   The purpose of this hearing too is  
14 to receive ideas, not for me to filibuster here  
15 and tell you what's in the permit. Jim is going  
16 to do a much better job than I could do in terms  
17 of the technicals, so I'm going to be here  
18 listening, but I wanted to share some of the  
19 bigger picture objectives with the stormwater  
20 permit, which may be apparent to you, but if it's  
21 not, I'm going to help articulate a little of  
22 that.

23                   We think this revised permit will  
24 assist communities, reduce flooding through an  
25 approved operation, the maintenance of stormwater

1 facilities and also, as a corollary, improve  
2 water quality to the proper stormwater  
3 management, supportive operation, the maintenance  
4 of stormwater facilities through inventory and  
5 mapping. I suspect that many of the folks  
6 that -- what we are trying to overcome is rules  
7 like this for the Clean Water Council are seldom  
8 filled with folks that actually have to run these  
9 permits, which is why this room is important from  
10 a high level policy perspective.

11               It is important for everyone to  
12 understand, but it's infrequent, when there's  
13 actually folks from the DPW offices, the guys and  
14 gals that actually have to do this work in the  
15 maintenance. It's seldom that you can actually  
16 get those people in a room like this which is why  
17 we're going throughout the state to meet with  
18 folks directly and trying to get the input of the  
19 folks that are actually working under this  
20 permit.

21               We think by doing that, we'll have a  
22 better understanding of the system within the  
23 municipality. We also think that by listening  
24 first, we're going to be able to refine our tools  
25 and training that we have on-line now. Much of

1 it's already kind of launched from a draft  
2 perspective, but we think by listening first, we  
3 can improve education training opportunities at  
4 the local level.

5                   Jim and Janice and Michelle, and the  
6 whole team, has spent a lot of time with some  
7 select audits of the performance under the  
8 stormwater program, under the existing permit,  
9 and we've learned a lot. We've applied what  
10 we've learned under that audit process to improve  
11 this. What we heard from communities is that the  
12 existing language is really hard to understand,  
13 the organization of the permit was really  
14 confusing to them.

15                   And therefore, we've come to the  
16 conclusion that many communities didn't really  
17 understand what their authority actually is, and  
18 therefore, if you don't understand where your  
19 pipes are and your outfalls are, if you don't  
20 understand what your authority is and you don't  
21 understand the permit, how can we ever expect to  
22 get the outcomes from a flooding and water  
23 quality perspective?

24                   So some of this is a simple  
25 reorganization, translation into some language



1 that a human being can understand, to insure that  
2 we can really -- all be speaking from the same  
3 vocabulary, and there are aspects of elimination  
4 or rejiggering of permit requirements for  
5 specific municipal operations to make sure that  
6 duplicative efforts at the municipal level are  
7 eliminated to make sure that these municipalities  
8 are kind of reporting to one permit God as  
9 opposed to multiple, so we do want to have an  
10 open transparent process via feedback and input.

11               We have spent a lot of time thinking  
12 through the process of vetting this information  
13 it to the public. Just for some example, we've  
14 held both small work groups from a regional  
15 perspective. Many of those have either been  
16 completed or scheduled. We had a webinar last  
17 week with the League of Municipalities. We've  
18 had meetings with groups like this and including  
19 League of Municipalities, EPA Region Two,  
20 Environmental Stakeholders, the Watershed  
21 Institute, Stonybrook, and Municipal Society of  
22 Engineers, and we're going to continue to do  
23 that.

24               We receive feedback which ranges  
25 from positive, negative and everywhere in the

1 middle. We understand some of the challenges we  
2 face under the permit which is why we are kind of  
3 enlisting in one right now, but we didn't want to  
4 have open listening sessions and nothing to  
5 respond to. Hence, our approach of launching a  
6 predraft of the permit. Folks can actually see  
7 what we're talking about as opposed to us talking  
8 to -- understand what the requirements would be,  
9 so there's some connection to respond to, and we  
10 received recommendations on approving the permit  
11 as well as how we can better support permittees  
12 along the way in the past month or so and we  
13 expect that to continue today.

14               We expect the work product that's  
15 delivered to us after today would also help us  
16 inform and we're going to continue to work  
17 through the summer to refine the permit, and the  
18 expectation in the fall is to have a draft permit  
19 live for the official public comment period, and  
20 hopefully by the end of this calendar year, early  
21 into next calendar year, to have an effective  
22 final permit moving forward, and I think those  
23 are the five points I wanted to touch on.

24               I'm not going to go over the  
25 concerns we've heard or the encouragement that

1 we've heard. Jim is going to do a little bit of  
2 that. We can maybe entertain some Q and A.  
3 After you hear from Jim, we can share with you  
4 some of the things we've heard in the public  
5 meeting process so far, so with that, I want to  
6 say thank you for listening. Thank you for  
7 attending, and I look forward to your  
8 participation moving forward.

9 (APPLAUSE)

10 MR. COSGROVE: Thanks, Dan. We  
11 appreciate you taking the time to join us today  
12 and give us your overview. Now, we're going to  
13 hear the nuts and bolts. Jim Murphy, Bureau  
14 Chief of the Bureau of the Non-Point Pollution  
15 Control is here to talk to you about the permit  
16 itself, and I keep saying the word permit. It's  
17 actually two different permits, depending on what  
18 municipality you're in, so you'll hear about that  
19 from Jim. It's all yours, Jim.

20 MR. MURPHY: Good afternoon. First,  
21 I need to say, as Dan said, thanks to the Clean  
22 Water Council for giving us the opportunity to,  
23 again, do a road show and provide the nuts and  
24 bolts of permit. What I'd like to do is I'll  
25 give you a summary of the major changes to the

1 permit, go over how it impacts, as Jim Cosgrove  
2 said, the A and B. A lot of our road show that  
3 we've been doing has been focused on the Tier A,  
4 but now that we have Tier B out, we can do a  
5 summary of what's going to be different in that  
6 permit as well.

7           One of the first things you'll  
8 notice, as part of this permit, if you're  
9 familiar with the previous permit that was  
10 issued, this permit has been rewritten and  
11 reorganized. The previous permit that was issued  
12 was along part one. This permit now consists of  
13 four parts and it is parallel to the design of  
14 other permits that the department issues.

15           So background. The MS4 universe in  
16 New Jersey, there is about 460 municipalities  
17 that are subject to the Tier A permit. A little  
18 bit over 100 of municipalities that are Tier B  
19 are subject to the Tier B permit. The plan,  
20 you'll see what the schedule is going forward.  
21 The plan is to do the Tier A, Tier B on a  
22 concurrent basis, and then some time probably  
23 next year, we'll follow up with public complex  
24 and highway agency permits.

25           All the MS4 permits all expired back

1 in 2014, so we've been working on them since the  
2 expiration date to get them out. Under the MS4  
3 permit, it does require that the municipalities  
4 continue to implement the program consistent with  
5 federal obligations. It will require the  
6 continuation of the stormwater management program  
7 that municipalities have been required to  
8 implement under the previous permits. The  
9 initial permit was issued under 2004, renewed  
10 again in 2009.

11               The permit requires that  
12 municipalities develop measurable goals that  
13 quantify improvements under the permit and it  
14 also will continue the implementation and  
15 required implementation of the statewide basic  
16 requirements or SBRs, and you can see the SBRs  
17 are listed there. Post construction is  
18 highlighted. That is applicable to both Tier A  
19 and Tier B municipalities, and that's been a  
20 requirement since 1983, the rule from 1983.

21               Here is a summary of the major  
22 changes to the permit that we're looking at.  
23 I'll go through each of these in a more detailed  
24 manner, but what we're looking at is a detailed  
25 inventory of mapping to support maintenance

1 operations, additional educational requirements  
2 at the local level to insure proper design and  
3 proper review of stormwater facilities.

4           We're going to incorporate total  
5 maximum daily load information into the SPPP as  
6 well as there are requirements under the permit  
7 that will facilitate permit transparency and  
8 eliminate some duplication of unnecessary  
9 permits. As far as these requirements go, these  
10 are mostly applicable to Tier A.

11           The Tier B is required to conduct  
12 local review, but they can garner education  
13 points by taking necessary training requirements  
14 at the local level and I'll go into that in a  
15 little bit of detail. So with respect to the  
16 permit conditions for outfall mapping and  
17 inventory, the current permit requires only  
18 outfall pipes be mapped.

19           This permit is going to have  
20 additional layers in it and require that  
21 facilities map stormwater basins and manufacture  
22 treatment devices that are put into place as well  
23 as maps, subsurface infiltration detention basins  
24 and any green infrastructure, and with respect to  
25 some of these, you can see the footnote of

1 approved DEP for outfall pipes and basins and  
2 NDTs. We're requiring that all those items be  
3 mapped for infiltration basins and green  
4 infrastructure.

5                   We're only requiring that those  
6 items be mapped once the permit becomes  
7 effective, so going forward, those items need to  
8 be mapped. So why are we requiring this mapping?  
9 To insure that the publically owned facilities  
10 are properly operated and maintained and the  
11 requirement that the municipalities insure proper  
12 maintenance of privately owned stormwater  
13 facilities and stormwater BMPs.

14                   What we're hoping is, through this  
15 effort, at the end of the permit cycle, the  
16 municipalities will have a digital map of their  
17 municipality noting all the stormwater  
18 facilities. We'll allow them to maximize the  
19 resources to target areas where they may be  
20 having problems within the municipality, whether  
21 it's flooding issues associated with improper  
22 maintenance, street sweeping that may need to  
23 occur in one area more frequently than another,  
24 and we're hoping to get approval work quality and  
25 address water quantity issues and flooding

1 issues.

2           The mapping requirement and  
3 inventory requirement, it is a new requirement  
4 and there is a time frame for implementation.  
5 The inventory is required effective date of  
6 permit plus three years, and the mapping is  
7 required four years after the effective date of  
8 permit. With respect to the inventory mapping,  
9 we're not looking for municipalities to start  
10 from scratch. There is currently, as we've been  
11 going out and doing this road show, there is a  
12 lot of information that different entities are  
13 collecting.

14           Some municipalities have conducted a  
15 lot of mapping. There is a lot of mapping and  
16 inventory going on at the county level. You have  
17 other entities such the highlands, the  
18 meadowlands that are doing a lot of mapping. In  
19 the upper left you'll see a screen shot from the  
20 Rutger's HH database. This database contains  
21 over 20,000 basins that were built within the  
22 state. The top right you'll see what we're  
23 looking for is permit specific guidance. When  
24 you go out to take the data point, there are  
25 certain criteria that we'll require be collected.



1           We will develop that data dictionary  
2 and provide that to municipalities to use, and  
3 again, at the end of this process you'll have a  
4 map, something what looks like in the lower left  
5 corner, to show you what your inventory in your  
6 municipality looks like. We're hoping to make  
7 this inexpensive. You don't have to go and  
8 purchase GIS units. You'll be able to use a  
9 tablet, a smart phone, any kind of handheld  
10 device to complete the mapping.

11           So what we want to do is pull all  
12 the existing data together, whether it's from  
13 outside forces, what municipalities have already  
14 collected, all that data in-house and be able to  
15 farm it back out to municipalities, so that will  
16 be the initiation of the mapping process. Again,  
17 there's a lot of county data. As we're going out  
18 and doing our county by county outreach, we are  
19 inviting counties. We're inviting soil  
20 conservation district personnel.

21           They're going over all the  
22 information that they've already collected, and  
23 some cases, providing us and letting us know that  
24 they have more information than what we even  
25 thought, so we want to coordinate all this data,

1 pull it together, put it in a database and then  
2 give it back to the municipalities as a starting  
3 point, so we're also trying to create something  
4 that's easy to use for both ends of the spectrum.

5           As I mentioned, we have some  
6 municipalities that have conducted inventory and  
7 mapping already. There is some municipalities  
8 that really haven't done anything. They might  
9 have just a paper map with just the points on it,  
10 so we have to find something that meets both  
11 entities that both entities can use and we don't  
12 have to reinvent the wheel.

13           We plan to provide detailed guidance  
14 on the inventory requirements, and once that is  
15 done, we will be conducting training, whether at  
16 a local municipality, at meetings such as this,  
17 when we can do training to provide information on  
18 the necessary mapping requirement. We're hoping  
19 that we're in the process of developing the app  
20 at the current time. We will be conducting a  
21 pilot program. We're working with our OIRM folks  
22 and Estre as a contractor.

23           We're hoping to develop an icon that  
24 will facilitate the mapping process before the  
25 end of the calendar year, but we're still working

1 on that to develop that. As part of the  
2 maintenance requirements, as Dan mentioned, we've  
3 already done a lot of work with respect to what  
4 we're looking for under the permit, so we've  
5 developed field manuals and check lists that can  
6 be used by the municipalities to foster  
7 compliance with the permit requirements. This  
8 information is currently posted on the DEP web  
9 page. It's downloadable.

10           The facilities can go on there,  
11 download the checklist templates to help them  
12 comply with the permit requirements. And again,  
13 this information is already on the web page.  
14 We've developed training videos to help design  
15 engineers and municipalities with respect to the  
16 requirements under the permit, help them  
17 understand how some BMPs should work, what  
18 failing BMPs look like, some steps that we're  
19 taking to conduct maintenance of the BMPs.

20           So all this information, again, is  
21 already on the DEP web page and can be viewed  
22 from there. With respect to review at the local  
23 level, as part of what we've done to date, at the  
24 local level municipalities are required to review  
25 major development and insure compliance with the

1 post construction standards and the regulations  
2 at semi colon eight. This rule will require  
3 additional training at the local level.

4           There's already training  
5 requirements for stormwater engineers. The  
6 department offers this training in conjunction  
7 with Rutgers. We offer it on an annual basis,  
8 usually June. What we plan to do is we like to  
9 bring that training in-house. It's currently,  
10 the training is done by DEP personnel. We hope  
11 to be able to bring that training in-house, offer  
12 it back out at no cost to municipalities and  
13 offer it more frequently than annually.

14           We can also plan to do localized  
15 training at different parts of the state. We're  
16 requiring trainings for municipal council and  
17 board members. This is a high level training to  
18 make sure that they understand what the  
19 requirements are in the department. This is a 45  
20 minute training video that is available on the  
21 web. It's currently there now, so they can take  
22 it at their -- whenever they have the time to  
23 take it, they can go on-line and take it.

24           We're also requiring the use of the  
25 major development stormwater summary form. This

1 is a form that highlights some of the key items  
2 when conducting a review of BMP design for  
3 stormwater, so we're looking for municipalities  
4 to complete this form. Whether you're a Tier A  
5 or Tier B, this form will be required to be  
6 completed for any BMPs that are being proposed as  
7 part of the major development in the  
8 municipality. This form does not need to be  
9 submitted to the department, but rather will just  
10 be held by the municipality and move along with  
11 the process, and can be updated as that process  
12 moves forward.

13                   So why are we doing this? Well,  
14 we're trying to reinforce proper application of  
15 the standards at the local level and improve  
16 water quality and address flooding issues. This  
17 is a new requirement. So there is a time frame  
18 to implement these requirements. Just like to  
19 point out for the major development stormwater  
20 summary form, that has to be used by  
21 municipalities, whether you're Tier A or Tier B,  
22 once the permit becomes effective and going  
23 forward.

24                   As part of the process to improve  
25 the understanding of the requirements, the

1 department has a BMP manual that is used. It  
2 gives design information on different BMPs. Over  
3 the past 18 months, the department has put a lot  
4 of resources in to rewriting and reediting the  
5 BMP chapters for particular stormwater BMPs.  
6 These chapters are not new requirements, but  
7 rather they've been rewritten to make it an  
8 easier read. Each chapter now has a new front  
9 page and you'll see these are some examples of  
10 what the front pages look like.

11                   Here is a close up shot of one of  
12 them, and it gives the engineers or municipal  
13 officials just a quick review of what a  
14 particular BMP can be used for, what water  
15 quality criteria it would meet if it's a ground  
16 water recharge, if it's a nonstructural strategy.  
17 So this front page is like a facts sheet for the  
18 BMP and they can look at the front page.

19                   If they need more details, they can  
20 go in and see it, but each BMP has been rewritten  
21 to include this information. It includes new  
22 graphics on it to make it easier to be  
23 understood. When we vetted these, I think  
24 probably about a year ago, we did a couple and  
25 vetted them and we had a positive feedback from

1 the engineers on the way it looked and the way it  
2 was rewritten.

3           The department also posted training  
4 videos to help municipalities, design engineers,  
5 reviewers understand some of the requirements of  
6 the BMPs, of the stormwater permit, et cetera, so  
7 there are short videos on here that we've added  
8 under the training web page, the DEP training web  
9 page. I'll give you some more information on  
10 where this can be found, but again, all this  
11 information is available on-line.

12           You can go and look at it now, and  
13 we're hoping that this provides additional  
14 information to help reviewers and designers  
15 understand the necessary requirements. And we  
16 will continue to add more updates to this moving  
17 forward and we get feedback based on our outreach  
18 or permit content on what folks are looking at in  
19 terms of additional educational requirements that  
20 they would like to have, additional understanding  
21 that they would like for us to put forward.

22           I mentioned for the board and  
23 council members, there's a 45 minute video. It's  
24 entitled Asking the Right Questions, so it gives  
25 high level overview of the permit requirements.

1 We've developed this in concert with Rutgers, and  
2 again, this is something that's currently posted  
3 on-line, so this video is about 45 minutes long,  
4 broken down into three segments. Each segment is  
5 approximately 15 minutes long. One of the things  
6 I touched upon was the major development summary  
7 sheet.

8                   This is just an example of the top  
9 page of what that sheet looks like. Again, it  
10 needs to be filled out for every development, for  
11 every BMP that gets approved at the local level  
12 as part of a major development. This is  
13 currently attachment D of the permit, of the  
14 preliminary permit, so if you guys get a chance  
15 to take a look at it, you have any comments on  
16 the whole permit, and this check list in  
17 particular, we certainly appreciate your feedback  
18 on it.

19                   Another requirement that's  
20 applicable to the Tier A municipalities, is the  
21 total maximum daily loading information and  
22 incorporate that information into the pollution  
23 prevention plan. What we're requiring is that  
24 all the municipalities identify any impaired  
25 waterways that would be within or bordering the



1 municipality; that they identify any additional  
2 strategies that they can use to address  
3 particular pollutants that are identified in the  
4 TMDL, and that the SPPP be updated on an annual  
5 basis to incorporate some of the strategies that  
6 were developed by municipality or maybe expressed  
7 in the TMDL document.

8               We're hoping that by identifying and  
9 understanding that there is a TMDL to address  
10 impaired waterways, that municipality can refocus  
11 its efforts on particular sections of the  
12 township to identify maybe particular ordinances  
13 that need to be better enforced, additional  
14 street sweeping that may be necessary to further  
15 reduce some of the pollutants.

16              So again, we recognize that there  
17 are limited resources at the local level and we  
18 hope that this supports improved water quality.  
19 Because this is a new requirement, there is a  
20 schedule to implement this, so as you'll see in  
21 the permit, there is a one year time frame to  
22 implement this requirement at the local level.

23              In an effort to assist  
24 municipalities with this requirement, the  
25 department developed what we call a TMDL look up

1 tool, and you can see, if you go to the  
2 department web page, and again, this is something  
3 that is currently on-line and is live. It can be  
4 used. You go to the web page, you pick your  
5 county and municipality and it will bring up the  
6 summary of the TMDL document you see there in the  
7 lower right hand corner. It will show you the  
8 waterways for which a TMDL was developed.

9           It will indicate the particular  
10 pollutants that are identified as needing  
11 reductions, so you still have to go through and  
12 read what's in the document, but it gives you  
13 access to the document itself, it gives you an  
14 understanding of what the impairments are and  
15 what the particular pollutants are.

16           One thing I want to point out about  
17 the look up tool, as part of our outreach, we've  
18 had someone identify that in their particular  
19 municipality, they use this look up tool, but it  
20 brought up waterways that were not within or  
21 bordering the municipality, so a lot of this is  
22 based on GIS and there's a lot of behind the  
23 scene work on this, so we've identified that bug  
24 and we're attempting to fix it now.

25           So if you do happen to go and pull

1 up the information for your particular  
2 municipality and you see that it's bringing  
3 waterways that are not within your municipality  
4 or bordering municipality, we appreciate it, if  
5 you let us know so we can fix any other issues  
6 that we see going forward. The permit also  
7 requires additional transparency. Many  
8 municipalities are already complying with this  
9 requirement by posting the SPPP, the ordinances  
10 to the web page.

11               This is a requirement that we're  
12 going forward -- that we're going to have all  
13 municipalities post this information to the web  
14 page hoping it fosters public involvement with  
15 the stormwater program, and it allows a better  
16 understanding of what the requirements are within  
17 a particular municipality. Another item that's  
18 included in this permit is we're dubbing it,  
19 elimination of duplicative permits.

20               The permit covers municipal  
21 maintenance yard activities, and it has  
22 requirements, if a municipal yard has vehicle  
23 wash water tanks, underground wash water tanks.  
24 It would require for maintenance of yards that  
25 are not connected to the sanitary sewer. The

1 current permit requires that you can't have any  
2 discharge from vehicle wash water, so in some  
3 cases, municipalities put in a holding tank to  
4 capture the wash water.

5           It turns out that this tank that is  
6 underground is an underground storage tank and  
7 would need and require a separate permit from the  
8 department, so what we've brought into this  
9 permit, to address that issue, we're requiring  
10 annual certification of the containment  
11 structure. There are forms in the permit that  
12 you need to fill out, and the municipality would  
13 just retain them on site, and there are also  
14 usage logs and pump out records that have to be  
15 maintained.

16           The permit also includes BMPs for  
17 yard waste and composting activities that occur  
18 at municipal yards, and again, we've incorporated  
19 these two requirements into the permit to address  
20 underground storage tanks and composting  
21 activities, so it eliminates the need to get  
22 other permits, and through this, we're hoping to  
23 insure protection of ground water and surface  
24 water quality. There are also -- we've done some  
25 internal coordination.

1           We've coordinated with our SRPs to  
2 insure that the documentation required through  
3 permit meets their concerns as well. Again, a  
4 new requirement, so municipalities do have a one  
5 year time frame to implement this requirement.  
6 The is just an example of some of the  
7 documentation required as part of the  
8 certification of the logs. Once every three  
9 years you have to do -- certify the integrity of  
10 the tank. You have to have information on the  
11 storage tank usage log, and as I mentioned, pump  
12 out records have to be maintained on site.

13           So as I mentioned, the permit is  
14 really, it's a rewritten document. We hope that  
15 the requirements are much more clear, more easy  
16 to understand which will lead to greater  
17 compliance. The permit does include a reference  
18 library. As you can see, there are a lot of  
19 links within the permit for documentation that  
20 will provide assistance to the municipality,  
21 whether it's state documents, state guidance or  
22 EPA guidance that is available to help  
23 municipalities to understand the requirements and  
24 different measures on this permit.

25           We don't believe that there will be

1 changes to the SPPP requirements. We don't  
2 expect that there will be ordinance change  
3 requirements at the local level. We modified the  
4 training language to make it more focused on  
5 employee duties. We reduced some of the  
6 frequency for training. Some of it was annual.  
7 We reduced it to biennial, and with respect to  
8 the public education opportunities, under the old  
9 permit it was 10 points. Under this permit,  
10 we've expanded that to 12 points, but we've  
11 expanded the opportunities for which the  
12 municipalities can garner points to comply with  
13 this permit requirement.

14               This is attachment A of the permit,  
15 and this is kind of a summary of the entire  
16 permit. If you look at the first column, the  
17 first column is just a summary of the standard  
18 that has to be met. Second column is the permit  
19 citation where you can find that particular  
20 language in the permit. Then you have the  
21 measurable goal, what we're looking for in terms  
22 of compliance with the permit, and then there's  
23 the schedule to implement

24               And lastly, if it's a new  
25 requirement, so if you see something that's a new

1 requirement, there should be an associated  
2 schedule with it. The only thing that does not  
3 have a schedule with it, is the major summary  
4 stormwater form that has to be completed for all  
5 developments going forward once the permit is  
6 approved. Everything else has a schedule to  
7 implement if it's a new requirement. For those  
8 of you that are familiar with the old permit,  
9 again, the permit is rewritten.

10                Things got moved around. This is a  
11 crosswalk. It shows you where things were in the  
12 2009 permit, the 2009 site, and conversely, where  
13 it is in this updated 2016 draft, in the permit  
14 site 2016 draft. We've also completed an FAQ.  
15 FAQ, again, like all the other information, is  
16 currently available on-line, help explain or  
17 clarify some of the requirement conditions, and  
18 this one, I think this is for the Tier A.

19                Again, the Tier B permit, on-line,  
20 you'll see a copy of the permit. We also have  
21 the crosswalk for the permit and an FAQ for the  
22 Tier B as well. As part of better understanding  
23 of where these things are in the DEP web page,  
24 this is the new, what we deem the front door for  
25 the stormwater web page.

1                   We hope that it's easier to  
2 navigate, easier to find things that are  
3 necessary to help municipalities and other  
4 permittees that have any stormwater regulation,  
5 to help them understand and help them to be able  
6 to better access the guidance that the department  
7 has available on its web page. So you see in  
8 this one on the bottom right is the MS4 permit  
9 icon. Once you go to that, you click on that.  
10 It would open up the Tier A, Tier B information,  
11 and you can delve further into the web pages.

12                   There is also a stormwater training  
13 icon that will take you to the web page that  
14 includes all the different stormwater things that  
15 I just mentioned and additional training relative  
16 to stormwater requirements. Funding. Just put  
17 this up here because as part of our outreach,  
18 we've gotten some questions on, hey, where are we  
19 going to get the additional funds to implement  
20 these measures. So we are trying to gather  
21 different funding sources.

22                   This is just an example of things  
23 that can be funded by our Environmental  
24 Infrastructure Trust Program. Things like street  
25 sweepers, vacuum trucks can be funded through the



1 program, so there is a link there. I believe  
2 this presentation will be made available to  
3 anyone that requests it. It will be put on the  
4 council web page, so you can click on that and  
5 find additional information relative to the  
6 funding program.

7                   In summary, the Tier A permit  
8 preliminary draft, we're hoping we improve water  
9 quality and localize flooding. It does continue  
10 with the requirement to implement the existing  
11 program. The municipalities still have to  
12 implement the existing ordinances. The statewide  
13 basic requirements must be continued and be  
14 implemented on requiring the comprehensive  
15 mapping and inventory program to help  
16 municipalities target priority areas and track  
17 any system maintenance that may be completed and  
18 to maximize resources.

19                   We hope that we've clarified in this  
20 permit the responsibility for privately owned  
21 versus publically owned stormwater facilities and  
22 what those requirements are. We've included  
23 additional training requirements within the  
24 permit. We hope that, through that training,  
25 again, we focused it on, you know, the needs.

1 It's not so general anymore. There's specific  
2 training for engineers, specific training for  
3 board and council members.

4                   We hope that you can address local  
5 water quality improvements through existing  
6 municipal functions. Again, you already have the  
7 ordinances in place. There are maintenance  
8 schedules that we hope that you will be able to  
9 prioritize that would help you improve water  
10 quality impacts. You still have the post  
11 construction statewide basic requirements that  
12 have to be implemented and we've expanded the  
13 community outreach and education requirements.

14                   I mentioned the Tier B is also out  
15 in draft, excuse me, preliminary draft and the  
16 Tier B is really just a subset of Tier A. It  
17 does require the local public education  
18 requirement. Under Tier A, the board council  
19 members are required to take the training. Under  
20 Tier B, it's not a requirement, but they can take  
21 that training and get points associated with the  
22 public education.

23                   The Tier B does have the post  
24 construction statewide basic requirements.  
25 They're required to complete the major

1 development stormwater summary form that I showed  
2 you. Currently, you still have the maintenance  
3 requirements for basins, the ordinances that are  
4 replaced and there's also requirements for storm  
5 drain inlet design standards. What's different  
6 in the Tier B, they're not required to conduct  
7 inventory mapping.

8                   There's no TMDL requirement, and the  
9 Tier B permit does not have the wash water and  
10 yard waste modules similar to the Tier A. The  
11 process moving forward, we come out with a  
12 preliminary draft of the Tier A back in February.  
13 We're doing regional stakeholder meetings. We  
14 began those in February. Those will continue  
15 through June.

16                   To date, I think we've done four or  
17 five counties. We have three or four on the  
18 drawing board for the next two or three weeks.  
19 We've conducted, as Dan mentioned, we've  
20 conducted outreach for environmental groups,  
21 planning groups. We did a webinar for the League  
22 of Municipalities. We'll be going to Atlantic  
23 City for the New Jersey Association of Counties,  
24 so if there are other venues that you would like  
25 us to come and present and talk about the Tier A,

1 Tier B, we certainly welcome that invitation.

2                   We released a preliminary draft of  
3 the Tier B back in March. Today is the public  
4 hearing. As part of our outreach, we have been,  
5 you know, fostering, hoping that people would  
6 come here today to hear this presentation today  
7 and give feedback on the permits of the Clean  
8 Water Council. I think your public hearing  
9 comment period closes April 15th; is that  
10 correct?

11                   MR. COSGROVE: April 30th.

12                   MR. MURPHY: So as we go around,  
13 again, we'll be doing outreach to the counties  
14 probably through June. We will continue to  
15 solicit input on preliminary draft. We're hoping  
16 in August, to issue a formal draft permit and  
17 then release the final permit in December with an  
18 effective date of February of 2017.

19                   Once we issue the permits, then we  
20 have to work on issuing the authorizations under  
21 the Tier A and Tier B. This is just some contact  
22 information. The main bureau phone number is up  
23 there. And my name, as well as my Section Chief,  
24 Tim Doult. Tim Doult put a lot of effort into  
25 this permit and did a lot of preliminary

1 outreach, him and his team with reaching out to  
2 local municipalities, our enforcement groups,  
3 different consulting engineers to get feedback on  
4 the permit and help with drafting the permit.

5           If you're interested on who the  
6 particular case managers are for your county,  
7 there is a link there. You can go on our web  
8 page and find that information as well.

9                               (APPLAUSE)

10           MR. COSGROVE: So we have a few  
11 minutes, so I thought it might be productive to  
12 ask if you have any questions for Jim or Dan on  
13 what they spoke about before Brian gives his  
14 presentation on stormwater retrofits.

15           MS. SORENTINA: I wanted to clarify  
16 on what you're talking about the wash water  
17 underground tanks and making it so that they  
18 wouldn't have to get other permits. Would that  
19 mean that they're not required to do the full  
20 underground tank registration for those, or is  
21 that still --

22           MR. MURPHY: No. If those forms are  
23 completed, that would comply with those  
24 requirements, but there is associated integrity  
25 testing that's required, and if you look through

1 those forms that are within the permit, the  
2 requirements are within those forms that need to  
3 be completed.

4 MS. SORENTINA: Okay. So the tank  
5 still needs to be separated through that separate  
6 division?

7 MR. MURPHY: Yes.

8 MS. SORENTINA: Christine Sorentina.

9 MR. MOREL: Rich Morel representing  
10 the Municipal Engineers. The Municipal Engineers  
11 will be sending in a formal comment letter  
12 shortly, but basically, their comment is the  
13 Municipal Engineers certification program, which  
14 I know you should be aware, initiated way back  
15 in -- well, it started in 2004, but in 2008 --  
16 and the premises, since there is a certification  
17 required to document the actual stormwater BMP  
18 that's being approved in a development or  
19 redevelopment project, for conformance with the  
20 stormwater rule and a local ordinance and whether  
21 or not a mitigation strategy was approved by the  
22 town and implemented on any particular project,  
23 the thought was that the municipal engineer  
24 certification could be utilized by applicants  
25 going forward that in place of stormwater review

1 done by the department in a land use application.

2           But at a minimum, this should be  
3 implemented now as a documentation and to achieve  
4 consistency consistent with what you're proposing  
5 with the training and implementation on each  
6 municipal engineer. The thought here is that  
7 this is the opportunity to implement that  
8 process, and there was a pilot program that was  
9 attempted, but unfortunately, the economy down  
10 turn, there weren't enough applications to  
11 actually demonstrate the proficiency of the  
12 municipal engineers, so this is the time to  
13 implement that.

14           That is basically what the letter  
15 will say, along with some other issues regarding  
16 the mapping, and the financial support for some  
17 of that and then also, the permit should, I  
18 believe it does, cross reference the guidance  
19 document for maintenance.

20           MR. COSGROVE: Any other questions?  
21 We will have plenty of time for testimony in a  
22 few minutes, but right now, I thought you might  
23 have questions on the program specifically.

24           MR. PAGE: Hi. My name is David  
25 Pavion. I want to ask you one thing. Is

1 anything new regarding impervious pavement? I  
2 know you were supposed to upgrade regarding the  
3 impervious pavement?

4 MR. MURPHY: Yes. The impervious  
5 paving BMP has been posted to the web. It is  
6 currently -- we are soliciting comments on that  
7 BMP, so you should have received -- they sent out  
8 some E-Blasts. Comments were due, I believe last  
9 week on what was proposed. Unfortunately, we did  
10 not get many comments, so we extended the comment  
11 period for another 30 days, so if you look at our  
12 web page, it's posted there, and we appreciate  
13 any feedback and input you have on that.

14 MR. MINERVINI: I'm Bill Minervini.  
15 It says the Clean Water Council is accepting  
16 comments until April 30th, but the DEP notice  
17 says DEP is only accepting comments until this  
18 Friday, April 15th. Have you considered  
19 extending the DEP date to April 30th? It doesn't  
20 seem to make sense we can send comments to the  
21 council by April 30th, but the comments to the  
22 DEP have to be done by this Friday.

23 MR. MURPHY: Well, it is only  
24 preliminary draft and we've tried, as far as DEP  
25 was concerned, on the preliminary draft, not to



1 have an open ended but to put a date in there. I  
2 will say, Bill, that we're conducting additional  
3 outreach and we are continuing to accept those  
4 comments.

5                   MR. KENNEDY: We're going to accept  
6 those comments, at least until the end of April,  
7 and it's a non regulatory process, so we've got a  
8 lot of discretion there, so we're going to apply  
9 that discretion to accept those comments, and  
10 frankly, after April 30th. We have to put some  
11 break points in there for our work product, but  
12 you know, if a good idea comes in, on May the  
13 2nd, we're going to listen to that good idea, so  
14 please keep the comments in, but please help us  
15 administratively by getting the comments in at  
16 the time frame we recommend.

17                   MR. COSGROVE: We're going to move  
18 on now. I want to introduce Brian Friedlich now.  
19 Brian is the project manager at the Kleinfelder  
20 Princeton office. He has more than 10 years  
21 experience of private water resources consulting  
22 with specialities in stormwater management and  
23 environmental permit and waste water treatment.  
24 He's a professional engineer in New Jersey, holds  
25 degrees from Tufts and NIT and serves as the

1 chair of the New Jersey American Water Resources  
2 Association Stormwater Committee.

3           Brian has worked on many residential  
4 commercial and municipal projects that  
5 incorporates state of the art stormwater  
6 facilities, and he's now going to talk to you  
7 about some of the award winning municipal  
8 stormwater retrofit projects he's been involved  
9 with to provide examples of how municipalities  
10 can implement techniques to mitigate flooding,  
11 erosion and water quality issues, so with that, I  
12 will get Brian's presentation up and turn it over  
13 to him.

14           MR. FRIEDLICH: Thank you, Jim. I  
15 wanted to thank the Water Council for inviting me  
16 to come speak to you today. I'm going to take a  
17 step back here from the details. Jim did a great  
18 job of talking about the specifics of the draft  
19 MS4 permits, but I wanted to take a step back and  
20 talk about stormwater a little more generally,  
21 introducing stormwater concepts and then talk  
22 about some stormwater BMPs and stormwater  
23 retrofits that we have worked on in the past when  
24 we're looking at water quality and water quantity  
25 improvements in municipalities and watersheds.

1           To give you a quick overview of what  
2 I'll be talking about. First, why do we need  
3 stormwater management? Why do we need these  
4 permits? What are the issues out there? This is  
5 kind of an introductory that most of you are  
6 familiar with. I'll then go into stormwater  
7 management retrofits and BMPs, talking about the  
8 different categories, what green infrastructure  
9 is, so on and then I'll dive right into the two  
10 case studies that I wanted to talk about today.  
11 One is the redevelopment of a property in  
12 Montgomery Township for a community center, and  
13 second is for the Ramanessin stormwater retrofits  
14 for a series of projects in Monmouth County.

15           So in 2004, FEMA declared that  
16 flooding is New Jersey's number one natural  
17 hazard, and that's certainly been proven right  
18 over the past decades where we've had some major  
19 natural disasters of flooding on the fresh water  
20 stormwater side. Looking at Hurricane Irene in  
21 2011 which had some major, major impacts. Also  
22 some major flooding in the Delaware River from  
23 2004 to 2006.

24           I also wanted to emphasize here,  
25 it's not just about these major extreme events.

1 We've also noticed we do a lot of water quality  
2 sampling, monitoring. We've been noticing that  
3 flooding on the local level has been occurring  
4 much more frequently, it seems like three or four  
5 times a year, so there is definitely the  
6 observance of more frequent flooding which has  
7 its impacts. I also wanted to talk about water  
8 quality impairments. I did want to mention here  
9 that the draft 2014 integrated water quality  
10 assessment report and draft form has been  
11 released which includes a 305B report and 303D  
12 list.

13                   And from that report, looking at the  
14 executive summary, these are kind of a list of  
15 the more most common impairments that are seen in  
16 New Jersey ranging from pathogens, toxics and  
17 metals, nutrient impediments and then down to DO,  
18 dissolved oxygen, PH solids and temperature, and  
19 I threw up some pictures here that we've taken in  
20 doing sampling and those such things and so there  
21 is a picture here of an agricultural potential  
22 pathogen source in head waters of a watershed.

23                   There is a picture of severe erosion  
24 on the top right that's occurring in Monmouth  
25 County due to excessive flows. On the bottom

1 left is a picture of the Passaic River in Newark  
2 where there is issues with metals, toxics, trash  
3 debris, and then on the bottom right is a picture  
4 of the Millstone River upstream of the confluence  
5 with the Raritan where there is nutrient issues,  
6 algae blooms, et cetera.

7               So in moving forward now, talking  
8 about stormwater management, how we can address  
9 some of those non-point source issues with  
10 retrofit and stormwater DMPs. So one thing I  
11 wanted to mention here first off is that the MS4  
12 permits require that the stormwater management  
13 regulations be implemented for new and  
14 redevelopment projects.

15              So this is part of what we're  
16 building new infrastructure. We're implementing  
17 appropriate stormwater technologies that treat  
18 and manage stormwater properly, but  
19 municipalities can also improve the effectiveness  
20 of existing stormwater infrastructure through  
21 retrofits which is what I'll talk about in some  
22 of these case studies. So municipalities should  
23 be looking for opportunities that they can  
24 implement to improve water quality and stormwater  
25 runoff and mitigate flooding and erosion.

1 I also wanted to mention here that  
2 NJ DEP guidance of stormwater BMPs is in the  
3 stormwater BMP manual. There's also a lot of  
4 good training, as Jim mentioned, that's located  
5 on the DEP website. I wanted to go through what  
6 are some of those stormwater planning tools and  
7 methods that we look at, and I like to group this  
8 into three different categories. The first being  
9 non structural strategies and impact development.  
10 You can think of this as more of on the planning  
11 stage. How can we develop a site? How can we  
12 look at a site so we can preserve wooded areas?

13 We can preserve environmental  
14 sensitive areas. How can we use vegetative  
15 conveyance wherever possible instead of directing  
16 pipes and sewers to streams? And then how can we  
17 take those impervious surfaces and how can we  
18 disconnect that runoff with streams and managing  
19 it on site. That brings us to the second bucket  
20 here which is green infrastructure.

21 Green infrastructure is defined by  
22 EPA at the scale of a neighborhood or a site as  
23 stormwater management systems that mimic nature  
24 by soaking up and storing water, and you can  
25 think of these as more distributed systems

1 throughout a site that collect, treat and  
2 infiltrate and recharge the ground water.  
3 They're distribute systems, so I gave some  
4 examples here as rain gardens, green roofs and  
5 impervious pavement.

6                   And then the third bucket here is  
7 the structural best management strategies and  
8 there is some overlap here between all three of  
9 these, but these I think of more as the more  
10 centralized larger detention basins, wet ponds,  
11 constructed wetlands that you often need to use  
12 in order meet the flow reductions, especially  
13 from larger developments. So I wanted to go into  
14 the case studies at this point.

15                   The first one I wanted to talk about  
16 is the Montgomery Township Otto Kaufman Community  
17 Center Redevelopment. So the development -- the  
18 redevelopment projects converted an old  
19 industrial building into a community center, and  
20 this is just a site plan showing the existing  
21 conditions. There was an existing warehouse  
22 building. There was parking lots on the site.  
23 There is also one centralized detention basin  
24 with kind of a traditional conventional concrete  
25 low flow channel.

1           There wasn't any real water quality  
2 treatment occurring besides what happened in that  
3 detention basin. I wanted to show some  
4 photographs. Unfortunately, these are snow  
5 covered photographs. It's not great quality, but  
6 just to give you a sense of what the site looked  
7 like predevelopment. This is a rendering of some  
8 of the best management practices that we utilized  
9 for the redevelopment, so we wanted to take this  
10 as an opportunity, this redevelopment project, to  
11 implement some of these green infrastructure and  
12 nonstructural ideas and improve stormwater  
13 treatment, water quality and water quantity, so  
14 on the left side, you can see there's kind of a  
15 linear blue path.

16           That's a bioswale that was installed  
17 with a series of check dams. The check dams were  
18 designed to slow the flow through that water  
19 quality swale before it entered the existing  
20 detention basin on the top right there. There's  
21 also in the island, which you can see on the  
22 bottom, that was designed as a bioretention or  
23 rain garden type of island where water from the  
24 parking lot can go in.

25           Instead of just going right into an



1 inlet, it can soak into the soils, infiltrate,  
2 recharge ground water. There's also an  
3 infiltration trench wrapping around the  
4 redeveloped building, which is roof runoff, and  
5 infiltrate and provide ground water recharge.  
6 The last thing I wanted to talk about on the  
7 detention basin side, we retrofitted that  
8 detention basin with native plantings to try to  
9 naturalize that area. We removed the concrete  
10 low flow channels and installed river stone in  
11 order to try to infiltrate and manage the  
12 stormwater on site as much as we could. Here are  
13 some photographs.

14                   On the top left is a look at what  
15 the naturalized detention basin looks like. The  
16 top middle is that island bioretention system,  
17 and on the top right is the biosoil with the  
18 Gabion Check Dams and that was right after  
19 vegetation started to become established. You  
20 can also see that we used volunteer efforts to do  
21 plantings in the bioretention areas during Earth  
22 Day.

23                   On the bottom right you can see that  
24 island bioretention system with the plantings in  
25 it. I wanted to segue from that real briefly to

1 talk about this idea of naturalizing detention  
2 basins. It's something that we see happening  
3 more and more. It's often viewed as a win, win  
4 situation in that you're providing more water  
5 quality benefits at the detention basin, but  
6 you're also reducing some maintenance needs in  
7 that facility as you're not mowing as frequently  
8 as it's not a manicured of a system.

9           And so I wanted to talk about some  
10 of the -- this is a figure that I took off of the  
11 internet from stormwaterpa.org, but this kind of  
12 describes some of the typical strategies that  
13 would be used in naturalizing detention basins  
14 including using native plantings as I mentioned,  
15 pretreatment for days, trying to design areas in  
16 that basin to infiltrate and provide water  
17 quality treatment so you can have rain garden  
18 pockets or design areas where you have more  
19 focused infiltration, trying to increase flow  
20 paths through the detention basin by not having a  
21 straight shot concrete low flow channel, trying  
22 to have a more meandering longer flow path  
23 through the basin and just talking about some of  
24 this improved performance and reduced unit costs.

25           There's lots of literature out there

1 on this naturalized approach, enhancing habitat,  
2 having better water quality improvements.  
3 There's also this reduced need for maintenance  
4 and mowing. We typically recommend, at a maximum  
5 in these naturalized areas, mowing once a month  
6 to a height no less than six to eight inches, but  
7 that can go all the way to once per year that we  
8 see just to keep out the woody vegetation, so it  
9 doesn't have to be a high maintenance regime on  
10 these naturalized basins. Using naturalized  
11 planting adapted for floodplain and wetland  
12 condition in these systems. Again, to eliminate  
13 the need for mowing.

14               There's also potential -- also the  
15 reduced need for applying fertilizers and  
16 pesticides as you would in more of a manicured  
17 landscape, which is common sense, not applying  
18 those chemicals to an area that is receiving  
19 stormwater and discharge into streams. The  
20 second case study I wanted to talk about is the  
21 Ramanessin Brook Stormwater Retrofits Case Study.

22               This is located in Holmdel Township,  
23 New Jersey. It was part of a 319H grant through  
24 Monmouth County. I did want to mention some of  
25 the project partners. There was quite a few here

1 for this effort which included Monmouth County,  
2 Monmouth County Park System, Holmdel Township  
3 Environmental Commission and the Board of  
4 Education, NJ DEP as a 319H grant went through  
5 the DEP.

6                   We were also involved with the  
7 Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources  
8 Program and received a grant for New Jersey  
9 American Water for some of these education  
10 outreach programs that were part of the project.  
11 So the project focused on stormwater retrofits  
12 based on a pollutant loading study and watershed  
13 based restoration plan which is the typical  
14 process for 319H grants, and the goal is included  
15 improving water quality, reducing peak flow rates  
16 and volumes, stabilizing stream banks, and  
17 providing education and outreach in watershed in  
18 the community.

19                   So the first site I wanted to talk  
20 about is the Village Elementary School. This is  
21 kind of an aerial and some existing shots,  
22 pictures of the court yard, so this project  
23 centered around a courtyard at the school which  
24 is fully enclosed. It was really an eye sore and  
25 was very rarely used by the school. They were

1 very excited about retrofitting that area.

2           Because of that large impervious  
3 area and all of the root areas surrounding it,  
4 all of that runoff volume and raise went straight  
5 to a sewer system and to the nearby stream, and  
6 our retrofits included rain gardens. There's  
7 four pocket rain gardening within the courtyard  
8 that used a bioretention system to treat,  
9 intercept and control the amount of runoff  
10 leaving the court yard. The rain gardens were  
11 planned with native plantings. We actually  
12 oriented it such that there was different types  
13 of plantings for each season and in each rain  
14 garden.

15           So there's a summer rain garden, in  
16 the fall, spring rain garden, so they bloom  
17 throughout the year, and as I mentioned, the  
18 Rutgers Water Resources Program provided an  
19 educational program for students at the Holmdel  
20 High Schools, and this education component, as  
21 you can see in the picture, involved plantings  
22 that the students participated in, and there is  
23 actually more students that participated than the  
24 number of plantings we had.

25           So we had to plant more than once

1 throughout the day, but it was definitely more  
2 than well received by the schools. I wanted to  
3 move to a different site here as part of the  
4 project which is Holmdel Park, and there was a  
5 number of problems that we wanted to try to  
6 address here which is a heavily eroded ditch  
7 which you can see in the top left photograph that  
8 drains to a pond in Holmdel Park.

9           It was producing a lot of sediments  
10 and pollutants down to the pond. There is also a  
11 lot of directly connected, impervious at the  
12 park, that we wanted to try to disconnect and  
13 treat in stormwater BMPs and these are some  
14 photographs. In the top right is a picture of  
15 what the solution was for that eroding ditch in  
16 which a number of drop structures were used to  
17 bring the water down to dissipate energy down to  
18 the tributary that flows to Holmdel Park.

19           I also have some pictures here of  
20 one of the bioretention basins that was  
21 installed. That was shortly after receding so  
22 it's grown up since then and there was also two  
23 rain gardens that were constructed along the  
24 parking lot to intercept and manage that  
25 stormwater runoff. At the high school, kind of a

1 similar approach, but a larger scale.

2           This was a site that had directly  
3 connected impervious from a large roof area and a  
4 huge parking lot all going to one pipe into a  
5 tributary Ramanessin Brook and there was so much  
6 erosion scour that was happening, that the pipe  
7 was now 10 feet or more above the stream where  
8 it's discharging and it's scouring out the whole  
9 stream bank. It was actually so much scouring  
10 that parts of the pipe had fallen off into the  
11 creek as it eroded back further and further.

12           This is some pictures of the  
13 existing condition, and you can see the designs  
14 running which incorporated a bioretention system  
15 to intercept, treat and properly discharge that  
16 to a reconfigured outfall area, and this is a  
17 photograph of the post construction bioretention  
18 basin, so this new bioretention basin is designed  
19 to collect, manage and treat the stormwater  
20 runoff.

21           You can see a sign that was put  
22 together about slowing the flow, which is really  
23 what this is all about, taking the water out of  
24 that pipe system, existing older stormwater  
25 infrastructure that we have, and treating it and

1 slowing that water down. The last site for the  
2 Ramanessin project was at the Chase Tract which  
3 is a conservation area in Holmdel, and there was  
4 an existing stream.

5               This is kind of typical for the area  
6 that was experiencing a lot of erosion along the  
7 stream banks. This was a particular S turn which  
8 went under an existing bridge, and there is so  
9 much erosion and scour that that bridge was  
10 actually in jeopardy of being washed out as the  
11 erosion was cutting kind of its own path around  
12 the bridge. And so our goals here were to reduce  
13 the erosion, stabilize the stream banks.

14               We utilize in stream structures,  
15 which you can see in the drawing in the bottom  
16 right, such as a J hook, rocky footer logs to  
17 restore the stream and meander through the  
18 existing bridge. We also restored the stream  
19 banks using bioengineering techniques and native  
20 plantings. And this project was a really big  
21 success. It really established very well. The  
22 stream banks really grew in very well and  
23 stabilized the whole area, and these are some  
24 photographs kind of through construction and then  
25 once vegetation became established.



1 I will mention here you can see it's  
2 a lot of grass on the pictures here. That was  
3 shortly after. I've been back since and it's  
4 really taken off and it's fully vegetative along  
5 the stream stretch there. The Ramanessin Brook  
6 Restoration Project won several awards including  
7 two awards from the New Jersey AWRA and one award  
8 from the New Jersey American Society of Landscape  
9 Architects. So I just wanted to end with this.  
10 That was just a two case studies which is just a  
11 sample of the opportunities potentially available  
12 to address storm water issues in New Jersey, so I  
13 wanted to show some additional pictures of  
14 different projects that we've worked on, that I  
15 worked on throughout the state and out of state,  
16 so at that point I'll --

17 MR. COSGROVE: Thank you, Brian.

18 (APPLAUSE)

19 MR. COSGROVE: We have a few minutes  
20 of questions for Brian, if you have any.

21 MS. SANCHEZ: My question is for  
22 Brian. I was just wondering if you could speak a  
23 little bit to the number of permits. Is there  
24 any differential in the number of permits, the  
25 type of permits, the cost and the timing for

1 getting permits for these kinds of projects over  
2 more traditional engineer projects?

3 MR. FRIEDLICH: Yeah. The process  
4 is really the same as a traditional project. I  
5 will say for the 319H projects, there was  
6 cooperation between the Watershed Management  
7 Division and land use regulation, so that kind of  
8 helped move the process along, keep the lines of  
9 communication open which is always important when  
10 you're dealing with permits. A lot of times,  
11 these projects don't necessarily need a lot of  
12 permitting.

13 I found that, so for example, for  
14 the Ramanessin, there was a fair amount of  
15 permitting there, but the projects also had a  
16 larger price tag, so it wasn't like a crazy  
17 amount in proportion to the overall construction  
18 work.

19 MS. SANCHEZ: And the local  
20 municipalities usually handle these projects  
21 easily now? They look forward to it as far as  
22 their reviews?

23 MR. FRIEDLICH: So the local  
24 projects, so if it's a public project, so for  
25 example, the Ramanessin projects was publically

1 funded, so it went through a courtesy review, but  
2 it didn't have the same review on like a private  
3 project would have, so as a courtesy review, I  
4 provided the drawings, I gave a courtesy  
5 presentation to the board in Holmdel and that was  
6 kind of the process that it went through.

7 MS. SANCHEZ: Wasn't there a private  
8 project, too?

9 MR. FRIEDLICH: That was also a  
10 public project for Montgomery Township, so it all  
11 got handled internally, but they're still  
12 responsible for making sure that the projects  
13 meet the stormwater regulations.

14 MS. BERG: This is more generally  
15 related to the stormwater permit and the  
16 municipal land as it relates to the permit. Are  
17 you anticipating any sort of, let's call it a  
18 mitigation plan for flooding where somebody says  
19 I want to avoid peak flood in the watershed by  
20 not doing any infiltration, you know, get my flow  
21 out in front of the peak flows? Are you  
22 anticipating that? I'm saying has the permit  
23 office considered that.

24 MR. MURPHY: If the standards cannot  
25 be met, then there has to be a mitigation

1 applicable to the site. But what we found is  
2 that there are not -- municipalities have  
3 developed mitigation plans, so if they're going  
4 to waive something, that has to then go towards  
5 the mitigation plan, so one thing we're doing is  
6 we're updating our mitigation plan guidance.

7           As part of doing our stormwater  
8 audits, we are looking into, if there are any  
9 waivers to any of the criteria, are they then  
10 doing mitigation and is there, you know, have  
11 they adopted a mitigation plan as part of their  
12 stormwater management plan, so we're doing  
13 further reviews to insure that, again, any kind  
14 of waivers are falling back to an approved  
15 mitigation plan or project, so we're looking  
16 closely at those items.

17           MR. KENNEDY: I just want to say one  
18 of our goals is to have the towns aware of their  
19 responsibilities early because by the time we get  
20 involved at the end, the projects are pretty well  
21 backed through the site plan process locally to  
22 the point of sometimes they're moving dirt from  
23 site prep, and it's almost impossible to overcome  
24 without some serious challenges to the project  
25 sponsor to overcome those challenges.

1                   So what we're trying to do is to try  
2 to have municipalities understand their roles  
3 more clearly to minimize the opportunities where  
4 someone agreed by a municipal action under the  
5 stormwater permit comes to us as a mediator or a  
6 decision maker on a specific project in the  
7 downtown, especially in the context of  
8 redevelopment. Probably spend more time than I'd  
9 like, all our staff is spending more time than  
10 we'd like, to mediating these issues.

11                   And oftentimes, when it gets to our  
12 attention, it's impossible to mediate these and  
13 resolve these issues without some challenges to  
14 the project sponsors from their schedule and  
15 capital investment prospective, so that's  
16 unproductive time for all of us. The more the  
17 towns can understand their roles and obligations,  
18 the easier my job will be. Selfishly, I want to  
19 have an easier job.

20                   MR. COSGROVE: What I'd like to do  
21 is move to the public testimony portion of our  
22 day. We do not have many people who have signed  
23 up to testify, so my thought was to just plow  
24 forward and not take a break at this point, if  
25 that's okay with you. If we had a bunch of

1 people to give testimony, I would suggest taking  
2 a break right now. Are we okay with moving  
3 forward and getting through?

4 MR. DELION: One quick question.  
5 Has DEP given any consideration to when we're  
6 looking into doing various stormwater management  
7 projects, every once and a while we get into  
8 situations where a drainage area extends --  
9 Darren Delion. Every once in a while we have  
10 drainage areas expand beyond the project limits,  
11 and that drainage area could have four, five  
12 multiple BMPs within the drainage area. However,  
13 we've never been allowed to take those BMPs into  
14 consideration when calculating flows to our site,  
15 and we're wondering if that will have any  
16 consideration as we move forward with stormwater  
17 management?

18 MR. MURPHY: I'm not sure I can  
19 answer your question. I'd have to defer to some  
20 of my engineers for that particular, for that  
21 response to your question appropriately and also  
22 it may involve our land use folks that are  
23 involved with doing a lot of reviews when land  
24 use permits get filed, so I can follow up on that  
25 for you and get back to you on it.

1                   MR. COSGROVE: I know Bill Minervini  
2 has some comments and testimony to share with us.  
3 Is there anyone else who would like to testify?  
4 Bill, the floor is yours. If we can find a mike  
5 for you. Come up to the podium, please. The  
6 slides that are up on the screen here is a  
7 summary of the questions that we posed in the  
8 announcement for this meeting, so if you have  
9 thoughts on those questions, we're very  
10 interested in hearing what they are.

11                   MR. MINERVINI: Thank you. Good  
12 afternoon. I thank the council and DEP for the  
13 opportunity to comment on these preliminary draft  
14 permits. My name is Bill Minervini, and this  
15 past December I ended a DEP water resource career  
16 begun in 1975. As part of that career, I was one  
17 of several coauthors of the first Tier A and Tier  
18 B permits issued in 2004. I have a whole lot to  
19 do with writing the NJPDES water permit rules  
20 that still govern these permits.

21                   In recent years, my role in the DEP  
22 stormwater management program decreased. One  
23 reason I left DEP was so I could speak more  
24 freely about that program including the Tier A,  
25 Tier B permits. Last night, I e-mailed to the

1 council and DEP, extensive comments on Tier A  
2 permit renewal. My oral presentation today  
3 highlights some major topics of those comments.  
4 Let me also say though that I respect the intent  
5 and effort of the DEP officials and staff who  
6 have worked on this renewal.

7           My comments address basic issues  
8 that should be of interest to the council and  
9 other concerned parties, even if the council did  
10 not specifically invite comments on those issues.  
11 My comments were not prepared at the request of  
12 any stakeholder. My first basic issue is in what  
13 part of the municipality can the Tier A permit  
14 require the municipality to provide stormwater  
15 management. DEP now says it is the entire  
16 municipality.

17           My position is that with narrow  
18 exceptions, legally the Tier A permit can require  
19 the municipality to provide stormwater management  
20 only for areas that contribute to the municipally  
21 operated separate storm sewer and maintenance  
22 yard discharges authorized by the permit. In  
23 general, the Tier A permit cannot require the  
24 municipality to regulate private property whose  
25 stormwater never touches a municipality's



1 facility before reaching waters of the state and  
2 cannot require the municipality to provide  
3 stormwater management in areas served solely by a  
4 combined sewer system that had its own separate  
5 NJPDES permit.

6           The second basic issue is does DEP  
7 still have adequate legal authority to issue the  
8 Tier A permit. In 2004, DEP argued that the  
9 NJPDES Municipal Stormwater Rules did not impose  
10 on unfunded mandates prohibited by the New Jersey  
11 Constitution. Unfortunately, the council on  
12 local mandates rejected a very similar argument  
13 in 2011 when the council invalidated refuse  
14 container and Dumpster ordinance requirements  
15 that DEP added to the Tier A permit in 2009.

16           This legal issue must be analyzed by  
17 the New Jersey Attorney General's office and  
18 discussed in the facts sheet for the draft Tier A  
19 permit. Another basic issue is letting the  
20 effected municipalities and the public know how  
21 the 2010 census specifically changed municipal  
22 tier assignments and providing a reasonable  
23 implementation schedule for the municipalities  
24 reassigned to Tier A.

25           The statistics and existence of Tier

1 A and Tier B municipalities the DEP e-mailed this  
2 year with the renewal notice, and the list and  
3 map on the e-mailed website, and the map that was  
4 up here today, are all based on the 2000 census  
5 even though DEP knew, at least as early as March  
6 2013, that the 2010 census resigned, not only  
7 municipalities from Tier B to Tier A and three  
8 municipalities from Tier A to Tier B. Moreover,  
9 the implementation schedule and the preliminary  
10 draft Tier A permit provides no relief for the  
11 nine new Tier A municipalities who have to comply  
12 with what for them are very new requirements on  
13 the first day they require the Tier A permit.

14 I also have concerns about how DEP  
15 and this permit addressed stormwater discharges  
16 from certain municipal maintenance yards and  
17 industrial facilities that are outside the scope  
18 of the current Tier A permit. In addition, I  
19 believe that the revised local public education  
20 and outreach requirements do not satisfy the  
21 small MS4 rule requirements in providing  
22 information to the public and businesses. I also  
23 have several concerns about the revised  
24 requirements for post construction stormwater  
25 management.

1                   These include concerns about  
2 inconsistent, incorrect and missing acreage  
3 thresholds, omission in some places of the  
4 residential site improvement standards and the  
5 standards of storm drain inlets, an improper  
6 directive to, quote, "enforce," unquote the  
7 Municipal Stormwater Management Plan, inadequate  
8 provision concerning on how you review and  
9 neglect the Pinelands Commission role and legal  
10 issues concerning website posting and municipal  
11 board and governing body training.

12                   Finally, I think there are serious  
13 problems with the revised provisions concerning  
14 localized stream scouring. Thank you for  
15 allowing me to make these comments and I look  
16 forward to reading the council's recommendations.  
17 I e-mailed the comments last night. This is one  
18 written copy for the permit program and the other  
19 for the Clean Water Council.

20                   MR. COSGROVE: Would anyone else  
21 like to testify? Okay. Seeing none, we'll close  
22 the hearing. Thank you all for coming today. We  
23 appreciate your input, and just remember that if  
24 you have any thoughts after you leave today, DEP  
25 is very interested in hearing them through at

1 least April 30th.

2 (Hearing concluded at 2:46 p.m.)

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