
CALUMET STORMWATER COLLABORATIVE

MEETING SUMMARY – April 6, 2018
Metropolitan Planning Council
140 S. Dearborn, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60603

Attendees

Teri Valenzuela, Audubon Great Lakes
Emily Grimm, Baxter & Woodman, Inc.
John Mick II, Baxter & Woodman, Inc.
Kim Siemens, CDMSmith
Edde Jones, CDOT GreenCorps Chicago
Anjulie Cheema, CH2M
Carol Kim, Chicago Park District
Monica Rockstroh, Christopher Burke Engineering
Kate Evasic, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Lisa Cotner, Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Annie Turek, Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Margaret Schneemann, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant
Jeff Edstrom, Illinois Sustainable Technology Center
Jerry McGovern, Independent
Sarah Cardona, Metropolitan Planning Council
Josh Ellis, Metropolitan Planning Council
Danielle Gallet, Metropolitan Planning Council
Bob Newport, Metropolitan Planning Council
Matt Milkovich, Metropolitan Planning Council
John Watson, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
Sarah J Thomas, Metropolitan Planning Council
Mollie Dowling, OAI Chicago Southland
Ted Haffner, Openlands
Bill Wood, SmithGroup JJR
Katherine Moore Powell, The Field Museum
Emy Brawley, The Conservation Fund
Emily Okallau, The Morton Arboretum
Moiria Zellner, University of Illinois at Chicago
Mary Pat McGuire, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



Member Updates

Josh Ellis from MPC announced that River Day 2018 will be held on Saturday, May 12. The Calumet Stormwater Collaborative along with MPC, the Field Museum and the Forest Preserves of Cook County will volunteer to clean up a stretch of the Little Calumet River along Beaubien Woods near the Altgeld Gardens community. This activity will be part of a three-day workshop to help increase accessibility of this green space for local community members. If interested in joining the riverfront clean-up team on May 12, please [register here](#). Don't forget to bring your gloves, boots, long sleeves, and long pants!

Josh also congratulated those involved with Space to Grow, which was awarded The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Healthy Community Award at this year's Chicago Neighborhood Development Awards. For more information, click [here](#).

Sarah Cardona from MPC thanked members of the Calumet Stormwater Collaborative, in particular Delta Institute and South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, for the outstanding collective effort to plan and participate in last month's Stormwater Management Training for Practical Implementation in East Hazel Crest. An energized crowd of local Calumet stakeholders attended the event and learned about a number of useful tools and resources—developed by CSC members—to help further their stormwater management efforts. To read a full recap of the event, and access all of the presentations delivered, please click [here](#).

Moira Zellner from UIC announced two clinics on ArcGIS and Adobe Suite that the Urban Data Visualization Lab will be hosting on April 20 (12 pm – 2 pm; 4 pm – 6 pm) and April 27 (8 am – 10 am; 12 pm – 2 pm) at UIC College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, 412 S. Peoria St. Bring your mapping, spatial analysis, document design questions and problems or just stop by to discuss with experienced assistants. To register, click [here](#).

April 2018 Work Planning

The April meeting continued the CSC Work Planning process, starting with a recap for newcomers of the work planning meetings to date which focused on reaffirming the fundamental challenges in stormwater management and a shift to defining measurable goals in order to track progress on our collective impact toward solving these fundamental challenges in the Calumet region.

Sarah shared [suggested measurable goals](#) that were distilled from the feedback provided during the March CSC meeting as well as the online survey to all members during the month of March which was distributed in order to gather additional input on goals and ideas for measuring progress on said goals.

The remaining time was spent in small groups discussing whether these were the right goals, if anything was missing, thoughts on how to measure progress, what current Work Group initiatives might resonate with any of the new goals, and whether there are current Work Group initiatives that do not clearly align. During report out, feedback included pointing out the interdependence of some goals with municipal capacity constraints and how specific activities were (intentionally) not included within the current goals framework. Some of the immediate next steps in Work Planning will entail considering which activities will lead to certain goals, keeping in mind that multiple activities might help reach a given goal(s).

Meeting Wrap-up and Final Remarks

Sarah thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for the continued excellent participation and ideas during this Work Planning journey. She also reminded everyone of the next CSC meeting, which will be Friday, May 4.

The large group meeting concluded and the Work Groups met to continue assessing their Work Group initiatives from the current Work Plan.

Next Meeting

Friday, May 4, 2018
10:00am to 12:00pm
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