



## Regional Environmental Managers Technical Committee

February 28, 2023, at 1pm

In person, virtual on Zoom

**Attendees:** John Saunders (Stafford), Valerie Tyler (Spotsylvania), Taylor Coxon (Spotsylvania), Coalter Hollberg (Apex Co.), Andrea Heller (Apex Co.), Alexis Butchers (King George), Meredith Keppel (GWRC), Holly Chichester (UMW), Gary Hobson (UMW)

### Agenda

**1-2pm**

#### **MS4 group**

- Talked about Spotsylvania’s need for help getting registered for new permit cycle.
- Public comment on permit ends April 14, effective date is November 1, 2024. October 1<sup>st</sup> is deadline to submit registration statement.
- GWRC offered to support localities through outreach and engagement (MCM 1)—perhaps host a locality like Fairfax to hear about how they have creatively met this MCM.
  - Ms. Keppel has personal friendship with author/illustrator Ms. Jean Gralley who wrote “[Water Ninjas](#)” comic book for Fairfax County.
  - Apex is interested in creative ways to engage students in Stafford County Schools
- Who else should be added to this group?
  - Germanna Community College

**2- 2:15 pm**

#### **Environmental Strategy and CZM FY2023 scope**

- Presentation by Ms. Keppel (attached)
- Talked about which communities are interested in participating in RAFT.
  - Some localities expressed hesitation that their Board may not like being “audited” (Scorecard process)

**2:15-2:30pm Grant opportunities presentation**

- [NFWF](#): Urban Trees
  - Directing inquiries from citizens and contractors to best management practices / resources

- Stafford asked how it would be promoted; GWRC will assume outreach/marketing expenses and will host portal inside environmental website.
- [G3](#): Green Infrastructure Charette
  - Application was submitted; should hear about awards in June 2023
- SLPP: Septic/Sewer
  - Awards should be posted in Early March 2023

**2:30-2:45pm** Future meetings: host [VALEN](#) presenters?

- Some would like to hear how this can be used for planning purposes // where it's going. Ms. Keppel will reach back out to Virginia Tech to confirm they're attendance at future meeting.
- Any other speakers to come talk to group? David Wood from [CSN](#) could come and give a high level stormwater presentation around the time that [CUSP](#) opens for registration.

**2:45-3pm** **REMTC introductions and partner roundtable**

*\*Please come prepared to share about what your department has been working on and any opportunities for collaboration*

**\*\* skipped for lack of time**