

Regional Environmental Managers Technical Committee

September 12, 2023, 1pm

Virtual on Teams

In attendance: Nikki Fisher, Valerie Tyler, Deona Johnson (Spotsylvania), Scott Rae (Fredericksburg), Meredith Keppel
(GWRC)

Minutes

Meeting Outcome #1: Sharing of Grant Opportunities & Resources

Ms. Keppel gave updates on GWRC programs:

- Septic Cost-share program will begin soon. GWRC has cobbled together 3 different funding sources and will delegate applicants between them internally. Keep an eye out for more information soon.
- CBLP Crews class will be sponsored by Rappahannock Roundtable in Spring 2024. Reminded localities to fill out [interest form](#) so that Roundtable can get a pulse on class size and whether we can invite private individuals to attend as well.
- There is extra money available through GWRC's annual WIP contract that can be used on any implementation activity which would be completed in 2024.
- GWRC staff sat in on DCR's CFPF grant manual training and highlighted 3 opportunities for localities within PD16:
 - Resilience Plan. CFPF will fund localities to write a resilience plan with a 10% match.
 - Studies. CFPF will fund flood resilience studies with a 50% match.
 - Capacity Building. CFPF will fund the creation of a new staff person to address flood resilience (e.g., hiring a CFM) with a 10% match.
- [The Rappahannock Roundtable is holding their annual symposium on October 25th](#). Tickets are \$15—GWRC hopes to see everyone there!
- GWRC will be hosting a Green Infrastructure Charette in 2024. Keep an eye out for more information as a consultant gets on-boarded.

Meeting Outcome #2: Partner Share-out

Fredericksburg (Mr. Rae): Fredericksburg is working on their MS4 audit and updating Chesapeake Bay TMDL Action Plan. Interested in CBLP crews training and potentially collaborating with other MS4 permittees related to training.

Spotsylvania: Had a CRS workshop to gather more information about how to reduce NFIP costs to residents. Still waiting to hear from DEQ about MS4 permit status.