



Stormwater Task Force Update – November 2011

The objectives of this group are to share the practical experience and knowledge between benchmarking participants and to set the direction and priorities for the Stormwater Benchmarking Module of the NWWBI.

The Stormwater Task Force met in Brantford for a two day workshop in October 2011. 19 participants from Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, Waterloo, Brantford, Thunder Bay, Richmond Hill and Hamilton met to discuss a number of topics:

- Developing stormwater dashboards;
- Low impact development and stormwater best management practices;
- Stormwater treatment techniques;
- Cost of services studies;
- Developing credit programs for stormwater utilities;
- Climate change adaptation planning, including the development of new rainfall curves;
- Sharing of resources between participants; and
- Setting task force goals for 2012.



In 2012, the Task Force will be addressing the following topics:

- densification of downtown districts;
- financing stormwater management facilities in multi-phase industrial developments;
- cost of services studies;
- levels of service;
- stormwater servicing strategies;
- developing a check-list for the design and adoption of new oil-grit separators;
- stormwater utilities/rates;
- stormwater dashboards;
- developing new IDF curves and other climate change adaptation activities;



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- low impact development policies and standards;
 - stormwater management facility design, monitoring, maintenance and costs;
 - developing water quality and water run-off targets;
 - benchmarking dykes; and
 - modifying the web-site to improve the sharing of resources amongst participants.

Communication amongst members will occur through e-mail discussion, conference calls and the workshop in Quebec City in April 2012. AECOM will provide logistical and technical support (and is included as part of the Benchmarking fees).

This Task Force is open to any utility that is participating in the Stormwater Benchmarking Module. For current information on this Task Force or Task Force Deliverables, please contact: Nancy Hill (AECOM): 604-444-6463 or nancy.hill@aecom.com