

BasinBriefs



A Periodic Update of Wet Weather News and Progress throughout the Eastern, Northern and Southern Basins of Allegheny County

February 2006

Regional Flow Monitoring Plan Update

As reported in the last issue of *BasinBriefs*, a revised regional flow monitoring plan was submitted to ALCOSAN on December 1. During the initial planning phase in 2005, it was estimated that 900 flow meters would be necessary throughout the collection system to gather the data critical for an effective long-term wet weather control plan. However, workshops with each participating community and the plan's regional system-wide focus have enabled the Flow Monitoring Work Group to reduce the number of flow meters to 500, a 44 % savings.

Three municipal managers representing each basin—the eastern, northern and southern—have formally requested that ALCOSAN finance the entire regional flow monitoring effort through user fees, rather than through 83 separate municipal sources.

A final regional flow monitoring plan must be submitted to the regulatory agencies by June 1.

3RWW Meetings

3RWW relies on the input of dozens of local experts, municipal officials and other stakeholders in addressing the region's wet weather issue. Over time, 3RWW has met regularly with its stakeholder and advisory panels and has developed additional groups (basin groups, etc.) as necessary.

As significant progress has been made, some groups have begun to meet less frequently. However, 3RWW considers it critical to communicate regularly with all of its committee members, so this newsletter (*BasinBriefs*) will be a key source of information for all those

involved in 3RWW and its mission to improve the region's water quality. Please read this newsletter, make copies and pass it on to other interested parties, post it in your municipal facility and feel free to submit story suggestions for topics you would like to see covered.

The meeting schedule for 3RWW groups is available on the 3RWW web site (www.3riverswetweather.org), but what follows is an overview of each group's meeting frequency.

- *Quarterly*: Stakeholders' Committee/ Core Basin Group (as a merged group)
- *Quarterly*: Science & Technical Advisory & Stormwater Advisory panels
- *As needed*: The Finance and Citizen's & Institutional panels. Advisory panel members are welcome to attend the Stakeholders' Committee meetings.
- *Every other month*: Managers' and Engineers' Basin Groups.
- Basin Groups of elected officials have suspended their meetings during this time period and will resume meetings as necessary.

Municipal Data Support Web Site

The Municipal Data Support Web Site, which helps communities to collect, organize, process, and/or report on data, such as manhole inspections, mapping updates and CCTV results, continues to grow as mapping information is added. To date, 71 of 83 communities have signed up to use this online compliance tool. The support site can be accessed at: www.3riverswetweather.org/mds

See you at the ALOM
(Allegheny League of Municipalities)

Spring Conference at Seven Springs

Saturday, April 8, 2006

3:30 p.m. in the Sunburst Room



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