Federal Facilities Workgroup
Agenda

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Introductions and Announcements- John Maleri and Greg Allen	
Showcase NPS BMP Tracking and Geolocation System - Rene Senos and team Overview of this NPS system and consider similar applications for other agencies	NPS and their contractor WOOD gave a presentation on the NPS Stormwater BMP GIS Database. The Stormwater tool looks at BMP tracking in CB watershed, over two different NPS regions (National Capital and Northeast). Between 2012 and 2015 The Center for Urban Ecology gathered BMP data. In 2018 Wood was hired as a contractor for this project. In 2019 BMP data was refined though questionnaires that were sent to parks. In 2020 the BMP database began development. In May of 2021, the data base was rolled out and training to parks began. In September of 2021, the database was used for annual reports to jurisdictions. NPS Staff can use the web-based tool at their desks or in the field. They can track maintenance and create reports. The tool allows for NPS to respond to various jurisdictional data requests, increase partnership collaborations, and allow for parks to identify new multi-value BMP opportunities. The team showed some park examples of storm water BMPS. It was noted that most site have a cultural or historical value and it can be hard to find BMPs that fit in with those. Parks have to get creative about BMPs and BMP implementation. The database contains previously collected BMP data. It lives on ArcGIS Online and allows for park staff to access customized data entry forms (per state and BMP type) for parks to record and edit park BMP projects and practices. Parks must report data by individual BMP not by project. There are how to guides available for folks to better understand how to use the tool. Some challenges in reporting are BMPs implemented on a park landscape may not be available in the state reporting template, it does not mean that those BMPs are not important, but it does mean that states are not tracking that information. The data base is built to gather specific state data for the state template.

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	Some other challenges are that park staff report projects completed in partnership with jurisdictions, especially in DC. These are not shown in CAST as NPS BMPs. This can be frustrating. There are some discrepancies in the pollutant reduction goal, better guidance needs to be given to parks so they know how much they should be reducing. A demo was done to show how the tool works and how parks can use it to track their BMPs. The tool is currently just an internal one. Only NPS folks with ArcGIS logins can edit the data, though everyone in the Park Service can view the tool and look at BMPs.
Standing Update on Federal Agency Evaluation Update	Stephanie MacDurmon ran through some updates on the Federal Agency Evaluation that Brown and Caldwell are doing. She showed the Federal Agency Data table that shows what agencies have submitted their data. We have not gotten anywhere with the Smithsonian nor GSA region 3. USFS is currently in the process of setting up a meeting with the FFWG coordination team to help get their data submitted. A jurisdictional data table was shown, which is basically an export of federal agency data from jurisdictions databases. Every state submitted data. The next steps are to provide a more meaningful analysis of federal agency records, match jurisdiction & federal agency BMP records, and identify creditable & noncreditable BMP types. Upon the release of the CAST 2021 Progress scenario, use NEIEN Validation Reports and CAST BMP Input Report to capture BMP errors. Stephine moved onto what is considered creditable and non-creditable BMPs. In CAST there are certain land uses that are not assigned to federal agencies. Federal agencies do not have construction, forest harvest, and agriculture acres in CAST. Federal agencies do not receive credit toward TMDL Federal Planning Goals in CAST for some classes of BMPs because they do not have assigned pollutant loads in those source sectors. So federal agencies might be doing certain land use BMPs but will not receive credit for those in CAST. Outside of CAST you can receive credit for these BMPS, they can count towards things like your MS4 permit. Calls have been put out to jurisdictions to talk about their Federal Planning goals. The purpose of these calls is to: revisit questions about the current status of FPGs, the methods used to calculate them, and equitability between fed and non-fed partners. They are also a place to ask questions about the BMP databases provided. Discussion: Are there plans to expand the available land use for federal facilities in Phase 7? It will potentially be revised for the wetlands and developed sectors. It has the potential to be feasible.

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	Meeting with jurisdictions will hopefully answer some questions about disconnect between federal agencies and jurisdictions.
2022 Progress Reporting- John Maleri Conversation on the upcoming 2022 Progress Reporting	We are ramping up to start our annual call for 2022 BMP data. The kickoff is a letter from the director about submitting BMP data. Typically, federal facilities will report BMP information to federal department leads who then report to jurisdictional partners. Jurisdictions then compile those BMPs with the rest of the BMPS they have for their own state that been installed or applied to non-federal lands. Everything gets recorded and reported. Once they are in the system they will get verified to see if they can be credited. Then the BMPs get imported to the Bay Model where we can then see how we are doing. The annual Call for Data letter normally goes out in the early to later summer with information on where to find templates and other information. When it comes to this data call, we are looking for historical and progress BMPs Historical BMPs: • Practices installed in the past and already reported • Revisions and updates based on new information Verification of inspection and maintenance required to maintain credit • Federal data submitted to Jurisdictions for update in NEIEN Progress BMPs: • Constructed, installed and functioning • Jurisdiction specific reporting templates used • Federal data submitted to Jurisdictions Reported in STATE fiscal year 07/01 through 6/30 • Jurisdictions enter data into NEIEN Federal facilities and jurisdictional due dates: • Federal Facility Historical BMPs and Federal Facility Progress BMPs are due October 1st. • Jurisdiction Historical BMPs and Jurisdiction Progress BMPs are due December 1st. John talked about reporting resources that we could potentially include to help folks with their reporting other than the data request letter: • Calendar Holds from FFWG Coordinators to mark deadlines • Periodic reminders of submission deadlines the deadlines approach • Template submission training federal facilities CAST Training ⎯could request of jurisdictions to provide for fed facilitates • Additional CAST training

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	A menti was then done to see if folks had any other ideas on potential resources. Most people liked the idea of reminder emails, trainings, and how to guides. A second menti question was asked about submitting data and would it be better to just have one central place (like a one drive) to submit data. Most folks like the traditional method of email, however some were really into the idea of a central location that also houses resources. Further logistics need to be thought out, but there is potential to do a hybrid of both email and one drive for data submission.
Update, Wrap-up, Next Meeting	**Next Meeting:** July 12th