

Urban Stormwater Workgroup Meeting

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Workgroup: 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Zoom Link: https://umces-edu.zoom.us/j/82009477377

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10:00 Welcome and Review of May Meeting Minutes.

Norm Goulet, Chair.

10:05 Announcements and Updates

- Update on GIT Funding Proposal
- UNM Panel Update
- Others?

10:15 Biochar STAC Workshop Summary

Chuck Hegberg, RES

Chuck will provide an overview of the recommendations from the May 2023 STAC Workshop: Using Carbon to Achieve Chesapeake Bay (and Watershed) Water Quality Goals and Climate Resiliency. Among the recommendations is engaging with the USWG on potential nutrient reduction credits for biochar retrofits.

10:45 BMP Proposal: Biochar as an Amendment to Existing Runoff Reduction Practices Carol Wong, CWP

Carol will present a white paper outlining a potential path forward for crediting biochar as soil media amendment in existing runoff reduction practices. The USWG will hear the proposal and be given the opportunity to ask questions. At the November USWG meeting, the workgroup will be asked to decide whether, and how, to move forward with this proposal.

11:15 Proposed Relative Land Use Loading Rates for Solar Development David Wood, CSN

Earlier this year, the USWG was asked to lead the development of relative land use loading rates for land uses associated with solar farm development. CSN conducted a literature review, as well as a review of the current available guidance from state regulatory agencies on solar farm development. David will review the overall findings from this review and ask for USWG feedback on the proposed recommendations. To give members time to consider these recommendations, no decision is being requested at this meeting.

11:45 Adjourn