

To: City Council

From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator

Date: March 25, 2016 Weekly Council Update

Sewer Repairs Near Completion at 4th & Orange: The City of West Branch began sanitary sewer repairs to portions of North 4th Street on March 21, 2016. The first repair took place in the intersection of North 4th Street and East Orange Street. During this repair there was a partial street closure which resulted in only one lane of travel being open for the entirety of the project. No traffic was permitted to enter North 4th Street from East Orange Street. Public Works requested that all heavy truck traffic enter North 4th Street from 280th Street.

This repair also involved installation of a main water valve. Installation of this valve required temporary disconnection, water loss and a boil order for some residents in the area. Residents living in the 300 and 400 block of North 4th Street were under a boil after the repairs. All affected residents had a notice hand-delivered to their door this morning notifying them that the boil order was lifted. This entire project was expected to be completed this afternoon. Public Works Director Matt Goodale will be sawing concrete tomorrow morning and the street will reopen as planned on Monday March 28. Repairs at the intersection of East College Street and North 4th Street are tentatively planned to begin on April 4th and will involve similar closures, detours and a boil order. A future update will provide details of that project.

ISWEP Annual Report: The ISWEP Annual Report is attached to this week's Update.

Library.....After Hours: The West Branch Public Library is frequently given links to articles and research about reading and learning as a part of our jobs. Over the past few years, a steady stream of research has been done that says one of the strongest determinants of future success, both in school and beyond, is how much students were read to as a young child. In the short version, young children who are read to early develop a love for reading and an early comprehension of vocabulary. This leads to success in elementary school which leads to success in high school, then college, and then whatever else happens afterward. It is with this in mind that the WBPL has become a collaborator with the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. The goal, as you might imagine, is to read at least 1,000 books to children before Kindergarten (this sounds like a lot but is less than 1 book a day for 3 years). Parents can sign up at the library and will receive a book after every 100 for their kids. If a child completes a full 1,000 they will get a free 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten T-Shirt.

Also, on a different note, the library and Parks and Rec will be conducting the last Wednesday after-school program on March 30th.

Residential Curbside Yard Waste Collection: The City of West Branch Public Works Department collects curbside yard waste on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month.

The information provided is one-way communication and should not be discussed among you as this would be a violation of the open meeting law.

ISWEP 2015 Accomplishments

MS4 Education Programming

Staff: Pat Sauer .75 FTE, Stacie Johnson .25 FTE

Program Administration: member tracking, accounting, staff planning meetings, member meetings, cluster training coordination and implementation

Educational Resources: Three toolboxes - all include a Newsletter and Talking Points.

Meeting 1 - February 19 in Ankeny.

Topic: Erosion & Sediment Control and Rainscaping / Rainscaping for Business & Industry.

Tools: Rainscaping / ISWEP Banner Pens, Design Checklist for Biocells, Bioswales, Enhanced Rain Gardens, Permeable Pavement and Planter Boxes; Rainscaping for Business and Industry with Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping Insert, Erosion and Sediment Control BMP Field Guide, Soil Quality Restoration Pocket Field Guide, General Stormwater BMP brochure for public (updated), Topsoil Ruler.

Resource Library Addition: Enviroscope Watershed Model

Meeting 2 - June 11 in Iowa City and June 12 in Ankeny.

Topic: Neighborhood Level Pollution Prevention Good Housekeeping.

Tools: Pollution Prevention Good Housekeeping Door Hangers, ISWEP Training Program Brochure, Mascot Survey (public participation), Four 30-Second Public Service Announcement videos – Streets to Streams, Car Washing, Lawn Mowing, Changing Oil, Soil Quality Restoration Checklist, Soil Quality Restoration Ordinance Language (suggested), Sump Pump Management & Rainscaping BMPs (designed by Cedar Falls).

New Certification Program: Iowa Certified Municipal Stormwater Professional

Meeting 3 - December 3 in Windsor Heights, in coordination with Stormwater Summit.

Topic: Pet Waste

Tools: Streets to Streams No Treatment in Between Postcard (handed out by Gill during local appearances), Pet Poop Poster, Gill inspired, Bone Shaped Pet Poop Bag Dispensers, 2016 ISWEP Calendar.

Resource Library Addition: ISWEP Mascot - "Gill" the 6' tall Bluegill Costume



Cluster Training:

Cluster / Community	Fund Expenditure
Black Hawk	Post-Construction Ordinance – Community Training
Clinton	Pet Poop Bag Dispensers
Dubuque (Asbury)	Pet Poop Bag Dispensers
Johnson	Post-Construction Ordinance – Contractor Training
Linn	ICICSP3, SWPPP Workshop, SQR / ISWMM Training
Marshall	Pet Poop Bag Dispensers
Polk	ICCSPI, Post-Construction Ordinances, Native Plant ID, Pet Poop Bag Dispensers, Fish Pencils
Pottawattamie	Pet Poop Bag Dispensers
Scott	Pet Poop Bag Dispensers
Story (Ames)	Pollution Prevention Good Housekeeping Door Hangers and Pencils
Storm Lake	Stormwater Staff Poll. Prev. Training
Woodbury	ICCSPI, Storm Water Design Series

Fairfield	Pet Poop Bag Dispensers
Ottumwa	Storm Water Design Series

ISWEP Websites / Social Media

Website	Social Media
IowaStormwater.Org: This website was redesigned late 2014 / into 2015 and went live in July 2015. Since then, we've had 4,483 sessions; 2,657 unique users; 12,879 page views and 81% of the traffic originating in the US. The top five locations where searches originate are: Cedar Rapids, Ankeny, Des Moines, Iowa City and Ames.	ISWEP has 129 followers on our Facebook page. We post relevant articles, training opportunities and repost or share member events when possible.
RainscapingIowa.Org: This website was redesigned in 2015 and went live in late January 2016. The first report related to traffic indicates in its first full month of operations there were 465 sessions; 358 unique users; 1,691 page views and 95% of the traffic originated within the US. There was a miscommunication with Global Reach and we now have full control over Google Analytics – which means we will be able to provide greater detail into our visitors of this site.	Rainscaping has 350 followers on our Facebook page. The postings here focus on stormwater management – one of the most popular posts to date has been City of Ankeny Storm Drain Art project with 241 people reached in July 2015.

Member support / Technical assistance:

Staff responds to member requests for information, assistance or technical information related to stormwater management and regulatory requirements. Staff researches requests, responded to the inquiry and provides the response to ISWEP members, either through newsletter articles or e-mail direct, for the benefit of the whole organization.

Iowa Stormwater Management Manual Updates

ISWEP staff as well as several MS-4 and Professional members are involved with the Iowa Stormwater Management Manual Technical Committee whose role is to update the IDNR ISWMM. The Green Roof design guideline and Soil Management and Soil Quality Restoration design guideline and specifications sections were completed. The Technical Committee is currently revising Permeable Pavement design guidelines.

State and Federal Legislative Updates and Representation:

State Issues: ISWEP staff attended several meeting held in Iowa on the proposed changes to the IDNR General Permit Number 2 topsoil requirements. Members were provided with periodic updates on the meeting outcomes including the final topsoil language changes made to General Permit number 2.

National Issues: ISWEP staff have been participating in the formation of a National Municipal Stormwater Association. ISWEP received updates on the proposed EPA changes to the MS-4 Stormwater General Permit. ISWEP staff as well as several members participated in a WEF webinar on the proposed changes where it was discovered Iowa MS-4 are not impacted by the proposed changes due to the individual permits that each MS-4 holds from IDNR. The majority of other states have General Permits for MS-4s.

2015 Stormwater / Pollution Prevention Training Events



Iowa Certified Construction Site Pollution Prevention Inspector Training

2015 Participants: 172 - 146 new - 26 re-certification (375 total)

Dates / Locations: 2/3, Waukee (17-2); 3/10, Ankeny (24-5); 5/7, Ankeny (13-8); 5/19, Cedar Falls (12-8); 7/30, Ankeny (11-1); 10/8, Ankeny (9-1), 12/10, Ankeny (13-2), 12/16 Hiawatha (11-1), 12/16 Sioux City (34/1); Remote (2/0)

SWPPP Design Workshop

2015 Participants: 60

Dates / Locations: 4/23, Ankeny (22); 4/29, Marion (38)



Iowa Certified Inspection and Maintenance Program for Stormwater Practices

2015 Participants: 4

Dates / Locations: 8/13, Ankeny

Native Plant ID

2015 Participants: 20

Dates / Locations: 9/1, Ankeny

Streambank Stabilization Training, 2 Day Event

2015 Participants: 37

Dates / Locations: 10/28 – 10/30, Clive

IDNR Sponsored Projects Training (grant funded)

2015 Participants: 39 (53 with speakers)

10-20, Windsor Heights



Iowa Certified Installer Construction Site Pollution Prevention Practices

2015 Participants: 9 (43 Total)

Dates / Locations: 11/18, Hiawatha (Linn Cluster Training)

Stormwater Summit

2015 Participants: 57

Dates / Locations: 12/2 – 12/3, Windsor Heights

WEBINARS

Stormwater Design Series

2015 Participants: 174

Webinar dates: 4/8; 5/13; 6/10; 8/12; 9/9; 10/14; 11/18

Rainscaping Iowa Certification Program

2015 Participants: 12 people have registered for at least 1 of the 5 pre-recorded Rainscaping webinars.

This is the first step in the Certification process. Those who registered have 12 months from date of registration to view applicable webinar(s), pass the corresponding exam and complete a field visit with an Urban Conservationist.



Grants Projects

IDNR Iowa Stormwater Management Manual Grant: The IDNR contract for ISWEP to oversee updates of the manual ended in the fall of 2015. ISWEP is waiting to respond to an RFP for the next 2 year ISWMM plan.

IDOT Living Roadway Trust Fund: A final report was submitted to IDOT LRTF with recommendations related to management of native landscaping training required, based on research conducted in and around the state of Iowa.