



Association to Preserve Cape Cod Will Host Free Workshop on “Stormwater Management for Low Impact Development” on October 19, 2011

Proper stormwater management and low impact development approaches can help to improve and protect water quality in Cape Cod’s streams, ponds, bays, and shellfish beds. On October 19, 2011, the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) will host a half-day workshop on methods of managing stormwater to promote low impact development. The workshop will be held from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve located at 149 Waquoit Highway, Waquoit, MA 02536.

Low Impact Development, or LID, is a new approach to urban planning which emphasizes the use of techniques that reduce water pollution and protect the natural landscape. This workshop will describe practical actions for reducing pollutant loads and installing stormwater retrofits to existing properties to better manage stormwater and reduce the impact of stormwater runoff on our water resources.

Workshop instructors will include experienced stormwater professionals from Horsley Witten Group, Inc. In addition, Mr. Donald Liptack, District Conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service on Cape Cod, will describe the stormwater projects being conducted under the Cape Cod Water Resources Restoration Project, a Cape-wide restoration program to protect and restore shellfish beds, salt marshes and fish runs.

The workshop is aimed at municipal officials, stormwater managers, residents and the general public.

“Whether it’s protecting local water supplies, meeting federal permit requirements or promoting sustainable development, many Massachusetts towns are looking for ways to improve how they manage stormwater,” said MassDEP Commissioner Kenneth Kimmell. “These workshops are one more way that MassDEP is helping communities take specific actions that will reduce water pollution.”

“Stormwater is a major problem in New England, which contributes to closures of beaches and shellfish beds, rampant weed growth in lakes and algae blooms. We can’t clean up New England’s water without addressing stormwater,” said Curt Spalding, Regional Administrator of the US EPA's New England office. “These workshops will give municipal leaders and environmental organizations information about ways to stop stormwater from harming their local waterways.”

This workshop is part of the Massachusetts Statewide Stormwater Management Seminar Series, which provides free outreach seminars on stormwater topics. The series is funded

by a MassDEP 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Competitive Grant Program to the firms of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., in collaboration with the Center for Watershed Protection, the Horsley Witten Group, and Stacey DePasquale Engineering.

Professional development credits will be available for this workshop.

For more information, contact Dr. Jo Ann Muramoto at 508-362-4226. Registration is encouraged. To register for this free workshop, visit APCC's website at www.apcc.org and on the left, under "What's New," click on "Stormwater Workshop." Fill out and submit the electronic form.