Controlling Construction Site Runoff:  
*Are Your Ordinances and Enforceable Policies Making the Grade?*  
August 27th, 2009  
Summary of Survey Results

Out of 58 attendees, 26 returned a complete survey, a 45% response rate. Overall, the respondents felt that the workshop was useful and they planned to share the information with others. Respondents reported that education materials for permit applicants about erosion and sediment control would be highly useful.

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<td>1a. The workshop was relevant and practical for my work.</td>
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<td>1b. I will be able to use what I learned in this workshop.</td>
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<td>1c. The panel discussion was useful.</td>
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<td>1d. I plan to share the information I learn with others.</td>
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<td>42.31%</td>
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2. Would educational materials about erosion and sediment control for the following audiences be useful for you?

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<td>a. Town Counter</td>
<td>69.57%</td>
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<td>b. Permit Applicants</td>
<td>95.83%</td>
<td>4.17%</td>
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<td>c. Homeowners</td>
<td>63.64%</td>
<td>36.36%</td>
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3. What was your most important reason for attending today?

The most common reason cited for attending was that the presentation was mandatory. Many also attended because they wished to learn more about the changes being made:

- Listening to presentations concerning provisions of SWPPS new or revised.
- Besides that it is required for our permit it instilled ideas on how to improve our efforts in conjunction with other town depts.
- Compliance w/Phase II requirements as well as learning to better implement these rules and regulations.
- I am still trying to understand how all our requirements can be realistically be implanted when I still see common regulatory agencies and legislation giving me advice and explanations that don’t always mesh.
- Nobody else could come and wanted to see current regulations and ordinances we need.
- To learn what the Town of Richmond needs to do to comply with current state regs.
- Learning about future requirements.
- Phase II compliance.
- Understanding due program and my role, as well as what Charlestown needs to accomplish.
- Learn about what’s going on with RI municipalities for construction measures.
- Learn more about the latest change to the manual.
- Check on self compliance & grade current program.
- To be better aware of SEC’s and how to better enforce them.
- Learn what technical assistance is available.
- It was mandatory & wanted to find out if there was anything new.
- Review compliance of local ord.
- How to handle erosion problems on subdivision projects as well as Town Construction projects.
- Mandatory and see what other ms4’s are doing.
- Construction site resident engineer implementation of SWPPP at that level.
- –further education on Stormwater Permit requirements as required by DEM for phase III.
- Improve our ordinances and inspections.
- MS4 compliance.
- Cert.
- Understanding the regulations.
4. Did we help you achieve your most important reason for attending?

Of those responding, the consensus was that the workshop helped them achieve their reason for attending:

- Yes
- Yes, but see comment below
- Yes, the tools represented will help with soil erosion & sediment control compliance.
- I think the remarks by Ms. Berk during the discussion, from what she said and didn’t say helps me realize this is going to be an ongoing learning experience to make this effectively happen.
- Yes, king of.
- Yes.
- Yes, very informative.
- Yes, we need to amend our ordinances.
- Somewhat.
- Yes
- Yes the seminar was extremely informative
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes – the ERP sounds interesting, especially the part about training the owners and self assessments.
- Yes and No
- Yes
- Yes and thanks for donuts
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- somewhat

5. If not, what could we have done better?

- It could be improved by requiring all municipal department personnel within the construction process to have to attend.
- Describe who the responsible parties are.
- I think this is a complicated issue. I feel that I am leaving with more questions than when I came. However, I’m not concerned about this. It appears this is a long term process.
- Not sure.
A list of anigrams to be used in the presentation would have been useful. I spent a lot of time finding where they were spelled out. I should have been listening instead.

I’m not sure.

More explanations on the requirements

6. What do you plan to do based on the information presented today?

The most common course of action seems to be disseminating the information to a wider audience, whether officials, staff, or advocates. Internal revision and review of regulations were also common answers:

- Probably start a workshop group to educate other departments of these activity requirements to streamline our process
- Revise the SE&SC process
- Think some more. Talk to more people some more… Review what I am doing regarding the issues (E +S mainly with the bldg dept. on small projects).
- Talk to DPW, other town staff.
- Follow up with the town planner and solicitor to ensure the program ordinance is implemented.
- Do self audit on inspection program for our municipality.
- 1. amend ordinance  2. Work or better inspection, within our resources.
- Request a meeting with Town Staff to make sure we all understand our roles.
- Share with colleagues
- Educate the city officials back home in C.F.
- Apply info to Revised Stormwater Management Ordinance
- Talk with my boss and go over some issues and ideas.
- Find out more about how to educate the developers and contractors and especially incorporate materials to stress the importance and reasons for erosion control.
- Report back to communities and local advocates.
- Review existing ordinance.
- 1. Have SWPPP on file with all subdivisions projects greater than 1 acre  2. Include language in Town Contracts regarding SWPP and SWPP contact person.
- Bring information back to the mothership.
- Revise Project SWPPP and explain and advise Inspection staff of the SWPPP
- Hope to have checklist for plan review, etc.
- Review our Ordinances and discuss with other departments to improve compliance.
- Review regulations.
- Relate info to zoning and Pub wks directors.
Additional Comments

- Is this an unfunded mandate? Seems like we have obligations that will cost a significant amount of money.
- The slides were presented on a screen that was way too low. The bottom part of the screen was completely blocked by people sitting in front of me – this was extremely annoying! Audio could have been better.
- All of the presenters were excellent. They were well versed in their field being highly informative.
- I would be interested in the stakeholder process or assisting with the development of the new Req.

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