

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2025

Oneida County Dept of Public Works Building
5999 Judd Road, Oriskany, NY

Coalition Attendees

Elizabeth C. Tantillo (V/O Clinton)

Dave Glenn, (T/O Whitestown)

Gina LaMonte & Steve Messenger & Marvin

Martin (T/O Paris)

Stephanie Wurz (City of Utica)

Joseph Morosco (V/O Yorkville)

Kristin Campbell & Joshua Dahlin (HOCCPP)

Chris Burtch (V/O Oriskany)

Kyle Tritten (V/O Whitesboro)

Don Bathke (member of the Public)

Tom Hughes (Village of New Hartford)

Absent- Towns of Deerfield, New Hartford, Schuyler, Westmoreland, Oneida County DPW & Oneida County Soil and Water Department.

It was determined that the group had met the quorum requirements, as 62% of the members were in attendance.

Chairperson Dave Glenn, asked for any clarifications or comments on the April 2025 minutes. The Village of Oriskany moved to approve the April minutes, and was seconded by the Village of Whitesboro. All members of the group were in favor of the proposal.

Dave Glenn reported that the M&T Bank account has been updated to include the following account holders. Chris Burtch V/O Oriskany, Kyle Tritten, V/O Whitesboro, Stephanie Wurz C/O Utica, and Dave Glenn T/O Whitestown. Joseph Morosco V/O Yorkville should contact Travis Rabbers, M&T Bank Branch Manager, at 315-731-5277 to schedule a time to complete the bank setup. Once this is complete, Joshua Dahlin from HOCCPP will be permanently removed from the account.

Dave informed the group that payment vouchers will soon be sent to each Municipality for the 2025 budget, totaling \$100 each.

HOCCPP requested that the Towns of New Hartford, Paris, and Whitestown, as well as the Villages of Clinton and Whitesboro, provide primary and secondary contacts for the Stormwater GIS Mapping work that will begin this summer. The contacts will be utilized for scheduling with Oneida County GIS.

HOCCPP reported that several updates have been made to the website (<https://oneidacountyny.gov/departments/planning/environment-and-water/mohawk-valley-stormwater-coalition/>), including the addition of a “Forms” drop-down section for Catch Basin Cleanout and Outfall Recon inspection forms. Additionally, a “Resources” drop-down was added to provide educational links provided through NYS DEC.

HOCCPP also requested that the Coalition review what content should be replicated from the Digital Towpath website (<https://countyoneida.digitaltowpath.org:10203/content/Stormwater/Home>) and recreated on the new MVSC website.

A lively discussion ensued specifically to address the question of the “Stormwater Hotline,” which is currently listed on the digital towpath site as Oneida County DPW, which was a staff person’s desk number.

Several members recommended including a list of municipal stormwater contacts (one per location) and the corresponding municipal office phone number.

Another member of the public recommended utilizing 211 as a central contact and providing them with the appropriate contacts and resources to address the inquiry.

Chairperson Glenn stated that the website should include a list of municipal participation and contact information. Members agreed to start there and consider other alternatives as needed.

New Business - Although not mentioned on the schedule, Chairperson Glenn asked the group to consider, in the future, that the Sauquoit Creek, Oriskany Creek Watershed Coalitions, and the Mohawk Valley Stormwater Coalition meet as one entity. At issue are the numerous meeting obligations with many of the same people, held at varying times and places. He expressed that members are either volunteers or are extending their workday, which has made it difficult to achieve a regular quorum.

Stephanie W. felt that our time at the MVSC was not being well utilized, as we were still discussing the website, and her understanding was that we would be engaged in more relevant tasks that support the overall MS4.

Gina LaM doesn’t think this would work for her, as she is only tasked with attending the MVSC, and others are supposed to attend the Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission meetings. Chairperson Glenn responded that we are having difficulty finding people to attend.

Kristin C. explained that joining all the groups would provide a more cohesive approach to addressing the watershed's needs.

Mayor Tantillo stated the purpose of the MVSC was to establish a joint venture specifically for MS4, and this is entirely different from creeks and streams, specifically because those Coalitions aren’t reporting to the DEC on a biannual basis. She’s not opposed to it, but this would require further consideration.

Kyle T. felt it would be an excellent idea to combine them into one, as stormwater is the primary factor impacting creeks and streams, particularly with the increased use of blacktop in commercial locations, which flows directly into the streams.

This discussion will be continued at the next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 3:30 PM.

The Village of Whitesboro moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 PM, and the Village of Clinton seconded the motion. All members were in favor.