

Financing Wastewater Solutions for Cape Cod

Friday, April 27, 2007

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Holiday Inn – Hyannis

AGENDA

- 8:30 am **Registration & Continental Breakfast** – Hyannisport I – lower level
- 9:00 am **Welcome & Overview** - *Brendan Annett, Manager, Waquoit Bay NERR*
- Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative 2007 Goals & Beyond**
Paul Niedzwiecki, Barnstable Assistant Town Manager
- 9:30 am - 10:20 am **National Perspective on Funding Wastewater Projects**
This session will cover the evolving role of the federal government in the shift from grant financing to loans. Forecasts for the Drinking Water and Clean Water Funds will also be covered. Creative state initiatives and trends across the country related to non-traditional partnerships, increased use of debt, and new sources of revenue will be highlighted.
Jeff Hughes, Director, Environmental Finance Center, University of North Carolina
- 10:20 am - 10:30 am Break
- 10:30 am - 11:20 am **Innovative Approaches from the Chesapeake Bay Region**
This session will focus on innovative approaches to financing the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. Particular emphasis will be placed on the core areas of concern - wastewater, agriculture, and urban stormwater. A description and analysis of current funding and financing efforts will also be presented.
Dan Nees, Director, Environmental Finance Center, University of Maryland
- 11:20 am - 11:45 am **Massachusetts State Revolving Fund**
The Massachusetts State Revolving Fund (SRF) for water pollution abatement projects was established to provide a low-cost funding mechanism to assist municipalities. This session will cover what incentives are available and the projected future availability of Trust funding, as well as which projects are eligible and how to apply for funds. *Scott Jordan, Executive Director, Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, and Steve McCurdy, Director, Division of Municipal Services, MA Department of Environmental Protection.*
- 11:45 am - 12:00 pm **Federal SRF Funding Outlook** - *Mark Forest, Chief of Staff, Congressman William Delahunt*
- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch (provided) – Main Restaurant – lobby level
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm **Case Studies from the Cape and Islands**
Nantucket's Approach: Enterprise Funds, Privilege Fees, Pay by Bedroom
Rick Atherton, Chair, Nantucket Finance Committee
Chatham's Innovative Wastewater Funding Mechanisms Based on an Overall Municipal Fiscal Policy Perspective.
William Hinchey, Chatham Town Administrator
- 2:00 pm - 2:15 pm **Pending State Legislation** - *Massachusetts State Senator Robert O'Leary*
- 2:15 pm - 2:30 pm Break
- 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm **Financing Wastewater in Massachusetts: Panel Discussion**
Participants will learn about a range of financing options including traditional and non-traditional sources that are appropriate for consideration in the Cape Cod context. Financial experts will address the perceived barriers to funding and offer insight on how towns can expand their borrowing capacity and make wastewater treatment betterments more affordable. Panelists will field questions from the audience and encourage discussion on how towns and the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative can move forward with wastewater financing.
Moderator: Andrew Gottlieb, Interim Executive Director, Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative
Allan Tosti, Senior Vice President, First Southwest Company,
Richard A. Manley, Jr., Partner, Public Finance Group, Ropes & Gray
Paul Niedzwiecki, Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative
- Wrap-up** - *Paul Niedzwiecki, CCWPC, Brendan Annett, WBNERR*

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