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**Water Quality Education Committee**  
**600 Broadway, Suite 200**  
**Wednesday, April 8, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Lewis & Clark Room**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Org</b>		<b>Name</b>	<b>Org</b>
Natalie Unruh	MARC		Tom Jacobs	MARC
Justin Stuedemann	MARC		Shawna Trarbach	Unified Gov
Tom Kimes	Leawood		Joey	Raytown
Hobie Crane	Platte County		Kelly Frey	Water One
Joe Gauer	MARC		Jen Shrader	Community Member
Josh Eis	Independence		Mandi Chace	Lawrenc KS
Michelle Gundy	Lawrence		Apollo Hernandez	Unified Govt
Tammy Schneider	Shawnee		Jason Hanson	Raytown
Daniel Robinson	Bridging the Gap		Leslie Rigney	Johnson County
Sarah Crowder	Bridging the Gap		Joshua Martinez	Liberty MO
Kyle Gonterwitz	Lawrence		Cara Starlin	Lee's Summit
Lauren			Elijah Vandepohl	Black & Veatch
Nate Conyers	Excelsior Springs		Caroline Knecht	MARC
Carl Brooks			Lesley Rigney	Johnson County

**AGENDA**

- Welcome, Introductions and Watershed Moments
  - Share your favorite rain garden plant or tree or an exciting project you're working on.
- Workplan Update (11:10-11:50)
  - Grants: no update
  - Education:
    - ETC Community Survey timeline
      - Review of key question changes
      - Separate Lawrence survey will be sent out
      - May release
    - KC Rainkeepers website launched today
      - Site Features
        - Rain capture for residents
        - Large & small behavior changes for water quality
        - For Professionals section for training resources
        - Photoshoots upcoming

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- Rain Garden photoshoot in April for website
- New marketing and outreach materials:
  - New poster and rack cards to direct public to website
  - Continuing to provide:
    - public signage: native plants, pet waste, storm drain markers
    - giveaways: pet waste bag dispenser, car litter bag
  - Marc.org.GSI social media performance: 2 videos across meta and linkedin, over 2500 clicks to the webpage and 104,000 impressions
  - Jotform for digital outreach files now available
  - Please take existing backstock, Bob Pentuic will coordinate pick up of additional materials
  - Printers
    - Johnson County print shop can serve WQEC members – contact Leslie Rigney
- Training:
  - APWA 5600 – 2026 Training Series
    - 3 morning half days of content, each repeated at least twice in 2026
      - (a) May 27<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>, Sep 16 – introduction and Overview of Updated Regional Design Criteria
      - (b) Request for locations for Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Missouri
    - \$125 per person per event
      - Cost and event structure could be communicated clearer
    - Questions?
      - Are there plans for trainings for planners?
        - Planners are an audience for the “Overview” and “Municipal Review” trainings
      - Who will be running the workshop? Will it be the same staff members?
        - Burns and Mac and Center for Watershed Protection will be running events, and will be the same staff members hosting each event
  - Mid-America GSI Maintenance Spring Training
    - June 4th GSI field certification
    - Date: 6/4 8:30-12:30
    - Training location
    - *1218 Swift Street, North Kansas City, MO*
    - Promo codes will be available to WQEC partners
      - \$170/person
        - (a) Must have completed on-demand certification prior to attending field trainings
        - (b) 1<sup>st</sup> of a 2 part series, will be a hosted a fall training. Attendees complete both to become field certified
  - Regional Projects and Outreach events (11:50-12:00)
    - None shared

- Round-robin discussion: How are you connecting with property owners about GSI/STF management? Does your city require GSI/STF reports for development submittals with these facilities?
  - Shawnee – requires maintenance of GSI/STFs that are privately owned.
    - (a) Contact property owners to generate reports about maintenance
    - (b) Reaches out to property owners to ensure GSI is being maintained when stormwater reports are required
    - (c) Information at development is not communicated to property owners, and so maintenance falls away
    - (d) Initial design and maintenance report/schedule needs to make it to property owner
  - Lawrence Development Code requires Stormwater BMP Maintenance agreement be filed with the register of deeds.
  - Independence – developers have to submit stormwater documents to Community Development
    - (a) But no solid system for ensuring GSI/stormwater is being maintained
      - (i) Developing a permit to issue stormwater requirements to developers
  - HOA’s and maintenance
    - (a) Are there strategies to dealing with HOA stormwater infrastructure that fall into disrepair after HOA’s disband?
      - (i) Unified Gov - Kansas “will work with” cities to find a solution
  - Do folks have checks & balances for 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspections?
    - (a) Shawnee – has a non-required certification form that asks for pictures of inlet/outlets to match to certification.
    - (b) KDHE audits require that municipalities review certifications to some degree
    - (c) Lenexa – requires notarized maintenance plan at time of sale
      - (i) Corporate landowners are much harder to work with to ensure maintenance
        - 1. These organizations do not come to court, remain unaccountable and anonymous
          - a. Shawnee – Datamine and searching corporate attorneys
            - i. Has some contacts to share for certain businesses
    - (d) Planting seasons, timelines, and court systems
      - (i) Court systems are not willing to prosecute maintenance enforcements due to long tail
      - (ii) Corporations are not willing to go to court or pay tickets
      - (iii) Abatement?
      - (iv) Unified Gov – moving towards administrative citations vs bench trials
        - 1. Assessed at tax-level
        - 2. But encourage fines increasing per day
        - 3. Timeline – require submittal of planting plan to court
    - (e) Many municipalities reach out to store managers or GMs about noncompliance. They usually are able to get into contact with their corporate supervisors once summoned or cited
  - Leased businesses and citations

- How do members chase landlords & leasers?
  - Recommend citing, fining, or summoning property owner
    - (a) Even if lessee is responsible for the maintenance in the lease
  - Federal law – those in significant non-compliance must be published in local paper as noncompliant for industrial pre-treatment
    - Could this be applicable to GSI/stormwater infrastructure noncompliance?
    - Social Media list of noncompliance
      - Community members are often really engaged with visible code issues/concerns
- Options for further discussions about code enforcement?
  - Inclusion in meeting?
  - Separate meeting?
  - Document/powerpoint for councilmembers and stakeholders?
- Municipal Members Business Meeting (12:00-12:30)
  - Vote: January 14th Meeting Summary
    - Motion: Raytown
    - Second: Tammy from Shawnee
    - Minutes approved
  - CWP Coalition membership: Natalie
    - \$3,000 coalition membership annual registration
    - Bob Pentuic managing process to get contacts
    - Once membership list is confirmed, Karen Titus will schedule a new member onboarding call

### **Upcoming Committee Dates for 2026**

*Virtual Meeting ONLY 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*

July 8<sup>th</sup>

*Meetings at new MARC offices at 801 Pennsylvania Avenue 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*

October 14<sup>th</sup>