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Description automatically generated**Peconic Estuary Protection Committee**

**Meeting Summary – March 6, 2024**

**Held at Cornell Cooperative Extension Offices**

**Griffing Avenue, Riverhead**

**ATTENDEES**

**Committee Member Representatives**

Town of Brookhaven | Veronica King (Committee Vice Chair)

Town of Riverhead | Drew Dillingham (Committee Vice Chair)

Town of Southampton | Tom Houghton

Village of Sag Harbor | MaryAnn Eddy

Suffolk County | Jennifer McGivern

NYS DOT| Lindsay Pacelli

**Additional Participants**

Eileen Keenan | Peconic Estuary Protection Committee, Coordinator

Erik Bergey, P.E. | Suffolk County DPW, Senior Civil Engineer

Carolyn Sukowski | CCE Suffolk, Natural Resource Education Specialist

Kaitlyn Boyle | Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation District, Environmental Planner

Marina Kobasiuk | Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation District, Soil Technician

Madison Wall | NYS DOT, Environmental Specialist

Meredith Byers, Dvirka & Bartilucci Engineers, Associate

Jason Blizzard | Town of Riverhead, Principal Engineering Aide

Sara Cernadas-Martin | Water Quality Program Manager, Peconic Estuary Partnership

The meeting was called to order at 10:15, attendees were reminded that the meeting was being recorded for purposes of transcribing the meeting summary, all attendees introduced themselves.

1. **February 7, 2024 Meeting Summary:** The February 7, 2024 Meeting Summary was accepted. It has been posted to the PEPC website.
2. **NYS DEC 2024-2029 MS4 Permit:** It was agreed that future Committee meetings would focus on discussion of individual MS4 Minimum Control Measures. In addition, the Committee discussed:

* Upcoming deadlines
* Interim reporting
* Mapping
* SWMP Plan updates
* Preparation of generic programs, plans, and procedures for customization and use by Committee members
* Part VIII Impaired Waters requirements
* Trainings
* Chemung County MS4 deadline extension request: No updates available

1. **Drainage Area Minimizations/Mitigation of Outfall Discharges:** Identification of priority outfalls for elimination was discussed. Priority outfall elimination criteria include 1.) discharges to an impaired waterbody, 2.) receives drainage from more than one municipality, and, 3.) feasibility of infiltrative practice installation to handle diverted drainage. It was agreed that members would identify priority outfalls by March 15. Eileen noted that the 2024-2029 MS4 Permit requires interconnections mapping by July 3, 2024.
2. **Other Business:** Eileen advised that the NYS DEC is planning a new phase for the Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan (LINAP). Known as the Long Island Action Agenda, the next LINAP phase will result in development of an Action Agenda for Long Island. Action Agendas are used throughout the rest of the state, and this next phase will align LINAP with other DEC watershed programs.
3. **Next PEPC Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024.