



Peconic Estuary Protection Committee

Meeting Summary – September 3, 2025

Held at 423 Griffing Ave, Riverhead 11901

ATTENDEES

Committee Member Representatives

Town of Riverhead | Drew Dillingham (Committee Vice Chair)

Town of Brookhaven | Veronica King (Committee Vice Chair)

Town of Southampton | Tom Houghton

Additional Participants

Corey Humphrey | Peconic Estuary Protection Committee, Coordinator

Kaitlyn Boyle | Peconic Estuary Protection Committee

Joe Rutt | Town of Riverhead, Junior Civil Engineer

Gabriella Asher | NYS DOT, Environmental Specialist

Jordan Russo | NYS DOT, Environmental Specialist

Marissa Velasquez-Rosante | Peconic Estuary Partnership, Natural Resource Program Manager

The meeting was called to order at 10:21am.

I. June 3, 2025 Meeting Summary:

- Quorum was not met at the beginning of the meeting. We did not go back to this agenda item. This will be presented again at the next meeting.

II. Upcoming due dates for MS4:

- Corey presented 2 different flyers for pathogens. The group liked one of them, pending revisions. Tom Houghton suggested a similar flyer specific to each pathogen (One for nitrogen, one for phosphorus)
- Group agreed that a digital copy of outreach or large posters is the best way to go – handouts aren't always useful
- Veronica mentioned Town of Brookhaven will be at the Longwood Fair on 9/20 and 9/21 pushing outreach – pet waste bags, etc.
- Tom mentioned that the Southampton Sustainability Committee does tabling outreach, and it may be an opportunity for him to push some stormwater outreach with them.
- Veronica requested outreach material on Silt fence and why it is important to control and prevent sediment pollution – Spanish and English versions
- Drew was looking for help with completing the Jan 3, 2026 requirements of MCM 3 and 6
- MCM 3: Tom mentioned he meets this MCM by having a GIS spreadsheet that has a list of all outfalls that need to be sampled which makes it easy to inspect. He also has a hotline set up in ToS for illicit discharge reports from citizens.

- Drew mentioned Code Enforcement in ToR is in charge of illicit discharge complaints.
- MCM 6: Clarification that this is **only** for discharge from municipal facilities

III. **Construction Permit:**

- Veronica mentioned there is a new form provided by DEC as part of the SPDES GP for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity: “MS4 No Jurisdiction Form”. Located at <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/water-quality/stormwater/construction-activity-permit>
- This form needs to be signed by the MS4 Operator **before** being submitted to the DEC by the contractor.

IV. **DEC Questions:**

- MS4 Operators forum being hosted by DEC and Saratoga Springs Stormwater on 9/24/25 virtually – Unsure if registration has come out yet – Kaitlyn will check and send it out to the group when it is available.

V. **Outreach Plans:**

- Veronica says Brookhaven has an Environmental Educator who is tasked with creating all their stormwater outreach, so they don’t necessarily need anything but are open to sharing materials with the group.
- Corey mentioned hosting a Stormwater Trade Show on the island. Towns are not interested currently.

VI. **Upcoming Trainings and events:**

- Any municipalities who want personalized training please reach out to Corey and Kaitlyn.
- Town of Southampton does not need training at this moment.
- Town of Brookhaven has an ESC training scheduled for November 18th.

VII. **Funding Opportunities:**

- WQIP 2026 Idea – Outfall elimination – Southampton, Riverhead and Brookhaven were interested
- Soil and Waters MAP/CAP grant RFP will be opening in January 2026 - \$50 for municipal projects and \$10k for community projects

VIII. **SCSWCD Program Updates:**

- Currently hiring an Environmental Planner

IX. **Member Updates:**

- Town of Southampton – Has a lot of job openings right now, trouble getting applications. ToS bought a silt sock filler machine. Filling sock with mulch which can be cut open on site after use and mulch left. ToS will loan it out to Committee members
- PEP – Looking for recommendations for contractors for a stormwater project they are doing in Accabonac Harbor.

- X. Next PEPC Meeting:** November 5, 2025 @ Griffing Ave, talks of having the January 2026 meeting Virtual – no decision made yet