



The Municipal EcoLink

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The Municipal EcoLink, is a monthly e-bulletin designed to inform you of the latest environmental ideas, trends, grants, rules and more from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES). We respectfully request that the following is electronically distributed or otherwise made available to your municipal committees, councils and boards. Please feel free to post it on your municipal website as well. Read *Municipal EcoLink* at:
<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/newsletters/ecolink/index.htm>

"Paying for Municipal Stormwater Programs" Workshop, Greenland, NH – Oct. 18

New England municipalities operating separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) face significant funding issues. Noted experts, town officials and others will share their experiences in reaching community agreement on stormwater program funding solutions, and outline consensus-building strategies that led to success. Workshop topics include: Why Stormwater Utilities Succeed and Fail; How to Avoid the Top Ten Pitfalls; the Role of Public Outreach and Consensus-Building in Community Funding Deliberations; Forging Community Consensus in Your Town; and Lessons Learned from New England MS4 Communities. The workshop is free, however, space is limited and registration is required. Please see <http://www.horsleywitten.com/stormwaterfunding/> for details.

Energy Strategy Guide for Local Governments

EPA has released a new climate and energy strategy guide for local governments, titled "Resource Conservation and Recovery: A Guide to Developing and Implementing Greenhouse Gas Reduction Programs." Resource conservation and recovery strategies involve avoiding, delaying, or decreasing the raw materials required for the production of new products through source reduction, reuse, recycling, composting, and energy recovery. These practices can reduce greenhouse gas emissions throughout the life-cycle of materials, while also reducing air pollution, energy use, and land-filling costs. To access guides in this series, please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/resources/strategy-guides.html> .

2013 Watershed Grants – Deadline Nov. 21

The DES Watershed Assistance Section is now accepting full proposals for Watershed Assistance Grants to support local initiatives to restore impaired waters or protect high quality waters. Due to a shortened application timeline, we are no longer requesting pre-proposals. We will only accept full proposals by November 21, 2012. DES staff members will be available to assist you in developing a comprehensive, outcome based proposal for your project. Please contact us for assistance and to address eligibility before completing a proposal. Eric Williams, (603) 271-2358, eric.williams@des.nh.gov or Jeff Marcoux, (603) 271-8862, jeffrey.marcoux@des.nh.gov . For more information and a copy of the proposal, please visit our website at: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/was/categories/grants.htm#warg> .

Municipal Household Hazardous Waste Collection Grants Available

DES is accepting Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Grant applications for fiscal year 2014 (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014). Cities, towns, solid waste management districts and planning commissions are all eligible to apply. The grant will cover up to 50% of the total cost of the project based on total population. A matching contribution of at least 50% is required. Funds will be disbursed as reimbursement for expenses incurred. The application deadline is February 1, 2013. Applications can be downloaded from <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/p2au/pps/hhwp/index.htm>. For more information, contact Dean Robinson, HHW coordinator at (603) 271-2047 or hhw@des.nh.gov .

Last Call for Management Training Applicants – Deadline Oct. 31

The deadline for the DES/NH Water Pollution Control Assoc.-sponsored management training program for wastewater managers and supervisors is **October 31**. Application forms and information are at <http://www.des.state.nh.us/organization/divisions/water/www/documents/boot-camp-app.pdf>

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