

## DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: July 2015

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### 1. **Designer Training: September 9 & 10, 2015**

The DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program has developed a 2-day Designer Training course. Designer Training course topics include BMP Standards and Specifications, Resource Protection Event (RPv) compliance, hands-on DURMMv2 examples, Conveyance (Cv) and Flooding (Fv) event compliance, tools and techniques for advanced watershed analyses, and an example project showing RPv, Cv, and Fv compliance.

At this time there is no cost to attend this training; however, if you choose to register for this course, plan to attend both class dates. Seating is limited to 30 in the Designer Training course and will be registered on a first to reply basis.

Registration is open for the 2-day Designer Training course scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Individuals on the waiting list have been notified to register. If you are interested in registering for the September Designer Training course or in being added to the waiting list to receive notification of future training, please email your contact information to [elaine.webb@state.de.us](mailto:elaine.webb@state.de.us).

For additional information, visit our Designer Training webpage:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/Drainage/Pages/Sediment-and-Stormwater-Regulations-Training.aspx>

### 2. **Remaining Blue Card Course Dates for 2015: September 16 & December 9**

Remaining DNREC Contractor's Certification Course dates for 2015 are scheduled for **September 16<sup>th</sup>** and **December 9<sup>th</sup>**. The Contractor's Certification Course, also known as the "Blue Card Course", is a ½-day course that gives an overview of the Sediment and Stormwater Program, its regulations, and required erosion and sediment control measures in the State of Delaware. Under the Delaware Sediment & Stormwater Regulations, at least one person in responsible charge of a construction site must have successfully completed the Contractor's Certification Course. **Registration forms are available on the Sediment & Stormwater Program website at the following link:**

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/Drainage/Pages/BlueCard.aspx>

### 3. **EPA Releases Oversight Status of Bay Jurisdictions' Progress Toward Chesapeake TMDLs**

On June 10 2015, EPA provided its interim assessments to the seven Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions' on their progress toward meeting their 2014-2015 Milestones and Watershed Implementation Plan goals. These goals and milestones outline steps the Bay jurisdictions and

federal agencies are taking toward having all the pollution control measures in place by 2025 to fully restore the Bay. Delaware was rated in the “Ongoing Oversight” category for the Urban/Suburban sector, which indicates the least amount of oversight is necessary from EPA’s perspective. Additional information regarding progress status for other sectors and States is available at Chesapeake Bay Program Web site:

<http://www.epa.gov/reg3wapd/tmdl/ChesapeakeBay/RestorationUnderway.html>

#### **4. Link of the Month: UCONN Rain Garden App**

The University of Connecticut has partnered with the Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials (NEMO) Sea Grant program to develop a free app to assist in the design and plant selection for residential rain garden projects. Although not intended to be used for regulatory compliance purposes, the app includes an extensive list of recommended grasses, perennials, shrubs and trees for various States, including Delaware. If a user is not familiar with a particular plant, the app includes a thumbnail image which, when pressed, will link to additional images and information available on the internet. The app is available for both iOS and Android devices. Additional information is available at the following Web site:

<http://nemo.uconn.edu/tools/app/raingarden.htm>