

**CITY OF DETROIT
GREEN TASK FORCE
WATER SUB-COMMITTEE
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES & GUIDELINES**

- Using strategies such as rain garden or bio-retention areas to treat stormwater before going to the City's storm system is problematic in terms of who maintains what.
- Estimate for retrofitting existing downspout might be in the range of \$75/ downspout. But there are implications on how the disconnect is actually performed. Should there be any other strategies that should work in tandem with the disconnection for it to be effective measure in reducing stormwater runoff from residential.
- The DWSD expressed support for implementing stormwater best management practices (BMP's) in private development and indicated that B&SE Dept. is the agency that has the jurisdiction on implementing and enforcing stormwater management practices since plumbing codes are involved.
- The WSC felt strongly that an integrated strategies and holistic approach are best to deal with stormwater prevention.
- Urban Design Unit distributed an outline and discussion points for the WSC. The outline sheet included a proposed mission and objective for water agenda, a list of general policies and proposed list of guidelines for review.
- It was suggested that the WSC is to review the proposed water mission statement and general objective; and the proposed general policies and guidelines to discuss in the upcoming meeting. The sheet with the discussion points should be reviewed in the next meeting to edit and/or prioritize roles/actions. The intent of the WSC is to eventually form a water agenda or an action plan to serve as a framework for formulating policies as part of sustainability plan for the City of Detroit.

Pending Items/ Requested Tasks:

- 1) Information Sheet (a list) indicating the number of green projects that exist in the city.
- 2) Who is doing what in terms of green projects?
- 3) Information Sheet indicating the various sub-committees within the Green Task Force.
- 4) Schedule the next meeting.
- 5) Distribute and post information of WSC-use PDF format files.

General Notes:

- WSC meeting Sign-In Sheet for 8 September 2010 is available on file.
- For questions, comments or edits to the 8 September meeting highlights, please contact: Khalil Mogassabi -Urban Design Unit, Planning Division: 313-224-1254; E-mail kmogassa@detroitmi.gov