To: Florida ERP Stormwater Rulemaking Stakeholders

Date: November 12, 2020

Re: Establishment of the Clean Waterways Act Stormwater Rulemaking Technical Advisory Committee

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is committed to protecting Florida’s water and natural resources. Vital to DEP’s mission is working cooperatively with state, local and federal agencies, communities and various stakeholder groups that provide key input, local knowledge and data to help inform our regulatory and environmental protection programs. In accordance with our mission and our commitment to public engagement, we are pleased to announce the establishment of the Clean Waterways Act Stormwater Rulemaking Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

The Clean Waterways Act, Chapter 2020-150, Laws of Florida, passed the 2020 Florida Legislature with unanimous, bipartisan support and carries a wide range of water quality protection provisions aimed at minimizing the impact of known sources of nutrient pollution and strengthening regulatory requirements. Stormwater related pollution represents one of the largest potential contributors of nutrients throughout the state. To address these sources, the Clean Waterways Act directs the department and water management districts (WMDs) to update the design and operation regulations under Part IV, Chapter 373, Florida Statutes (F.S.), using the latest scientific information.

The department has already begun outreach seeking public input on this stormwater rulemaking with two public meetings that were held on July 30, 2020, and Aug. 24, 2020. The department has received significant public interest in this rule development process and has decided to establish a formal TAC that will provide an additional tool for public dialogue, and to receive public input and recommendations. The department and WMDs are committed to using science to guide our efforts, including the evaluation of best management practices and options for developing rules to improve stormwater regulations and better protect Florida’s water resources.

The mission of the Clean Waterways Act Stormwater TAC will be as follows:

*The mission of the Clean Waterways Act Stormwater Technical Advisory Committee shall be to provide a forum for identifying and constructively outlining recommendations to the department and water management districts for strengthening the stormwater design and operation regulations implemented under Part IV, Chapter 373, F.S., including updates to the Environmental Resource Permit Applicant’s Handbook, based on the most recent scientific information available and the additional directions provided by Section 5, Chapter 2020-150, Laws of Florida.*
The department has identified key stakeholder groups and professionals willing to commit their time serving on the TAC. Those representatives will provide Florida with the benefit of their technical expertise and will coordinate input and perspective representing their respective stakeholder categories. Those individuals who have graciously volunteered are identified below along with the 13 stakeholder categories that were identified for this effort.

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<th>Stakeholder Category</th>
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| Academia, Florida public or private research university        | Dr. John Sansalone  
University of Florida                                                   |
| Agricultural Interest                                          | Charles Shinn  
Florida Farm Bureau Federation                                            |
| At-Large Technical Expert                                      | Dr. Harvey Harper, P.E.  
Environmental Research & Design                                           |
| City Government/Florida League of Cities, Inc.                 | Richard Howard, P.E.  
City of Orlando                                                             |
| County Government/Florida Association of Counties              | Kim Ornberg, P.E.  
Seminole County                                                            |
| Development Interest                                           | Dave Carter  
Florida Homebuilders Association                                           |
| Environmental Interest, General                                | Elizabeth Alvi  
Audubon Florida                                                             |
| Environmental Interest, Water Resource Protection              | Lesley Bertolotti  
The Nature Conservancy                                                     |
| Florida Stormwater Association                                 | Kelli Hammer Levy  
Florida Stormwater Association                                              |
| Low Impact Design/Green Infrastructure                         | Mark Thomasson, P.E.  
National Stormwater Trust, Inc.                                             |
| Stormwater Design Engineering and Consultants                  | Robert Beltran, P.E.  
Hydro Solutions LLC                                                          |
| Stormwater Utilities                                           | Virginia Barker  
Brevard County Natural Resources Management Department                      |
| Urban Redevelopment                                             | Douglas Rillstone  
Nelson Mullins                                                              |

The department recognizes there are many additional experts and individuals who want to engage in this rulemaking effort and encourages all stakeholders to provide the department and WMDs with valuable input during this rulemaking effort.

Please note that, as a body that would make rulemaking recommendations to the department and WMDs, the Clean Waterways Act Stormwater TAC and its membership must comply with Florida’s Government in the Sunshine Law, section 286.011, F.S. Additional Sunshine Law information will be provided to the selected members.
The department is committed to keeping the public informed as the committee performs their work and we continue to receive stakeholder input. Visit the TAC webpage at: https://floridadep.gov/water/submerged-lands-environmental-resources-coordination/content/clean-waterways-act-stormwater for updates on committee activities and updates on scheduled meetings and public comments for this rulemaking effort. You are encouraged to bookmark this page and check back frequently.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this important rulemaking effort and your commitment to protecting Florida’s water resources.