

NMSC Q2 Meeting Notes
August 12, 2025 | 12:00 pm-1:30 PM

Meeting Summary

Northern Middlesex Stormwater Collaborative (NMSC) - Q3 Meeting

Date: August 12, 2025

Location: Hybrid - Billerica Town Hall (Room 210) & Zoom

Time: 12:00-1:30 PM (followed by site visit at Katie Durand Memorial Park)

Attendees

- Derrek Doyle - Billerica
- Paul Alunni - Wilmington
- Courtney Thompson - Chelmsford
- Jeremy Downs - Westford
- Christian Mann - Tewksbury
- Andrew Stack - Tewksbury
- Stephan Jahlne - Littleton
- Gordon Bergon - Lowell
- Brad Stone - Dracut
- Mike Butler - Lowell
- Evan Walsh - Lowell
- Meghan Tenhoff - NMCOG

Highlights

- First quarterly meeting under the **new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**
- Emphasis on **measurable outcomes** to demonstrate value of collaboration
- Discussion of **future projects, MS4 reporting, and grant-funded activities**
- **Community updates** showcased ongoing local efforts and planning integration
- Concluded with **site visit** to Katie Durand Memorial Park for green infrastructure tour

MOU Review

- Shared draft (unsigned) MOU on screen.
- Focus areas:
 - Enhanced training and capacity building

- Expanded education and outreach
- Opportunities for joint procurement
- Success metrics to track:
 - Number of workshops
 - People reached through outreach
 - Projects completed collaboratively
- Participation open to all, with credit for official members.

Project Brainstorm

- Ideas for upcoming year:
 - Specialized training opportunities
 - Integration of stormwater priorities into **Open Space & Recreation Plans (OSRPs)**
 - Strengthened community engagement efforts

MS4 Report Template

- Discussed need for a **standardized template** to simplify reporting.
- Goal: reduce duplication, ensure compliance, and streamline annual submissions.

Community Share

- **NMCOG staff update:** OSRPs underway in Chelmsford, Dunstable, Westford, and Tewksbury.
- OSRPs as opportunities to:
 - Educate communities about stormwater
 - Link open space to stormwater management (flood storage, water quality improvements)
- Members provided updates on:
 - Local stormwater projects
 - Grant awards and new initiatives
 - Training and outreach needs

Grant Awards & Upcoming Projects

- Reviewed awarded grants and pending kickoffs.
- Upcoming priorities:

- Regional training sessions
- Green infrastructure demonstrations
- Strengthened reporting of accomplishments

Site Visit - Katie Durand Memorial Park, Billerica

- Guided tour of stormwater and green infrastructure features.
- Topics covered:
 - Engineering design and siting
 - Native plantings and naturalized areas
 - Maintenance needs and lessons learned
- Key takeaway: pairing stormwater improvements with recreation strengthens