

GI-06 Documentation/Reporting of New Public and Private Green Projects

Project Description:

The objective of this task is to provide a mechanism by which to document the installation of “green practices or infrastructure” within the individual communities; and to assess the use of green practices within new development and redevelopment projects for both public and private sectors.

Purpose:

This task will document the extent and acceptance of green strategies within the APCs, and will generate the estimated runoff volume reduction on an annual basis.

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Consent Order Milestones	Date Milestone Met
Task Start Date: 8/1/14	7/31/2014
Task Completion Date: 3/1/19	3/1/19

SPDES Permit #s	NY 002 5747, 003 1046, 003 0899, 003 3031
LTCP Projected Project Cost (Millions)	\$0.05 (aggregate)
Owned By	N/A
CSO Outfall No.	All Outfalls
Grant Funding or other sources	None

Project Status:

3/27/14: As GI projects are developed, so too will this program to document.

8/14/14: Task has begun, communities are working with the Albany Pool Joint Venture Team on program.

11/13/14: The standard tool and methodology for collecting and evaluating the data that will need to be created, as well as the format for disseminating this info - potentially in the semi-annual report structure.

1/08/15: A reporting tool has been created and will be reviewed by the APCs before being submitted to DEC.

2/12/15: Communities are reviewing the draft form.

4/9/15: DEC has requested the Pool communities for annual runoff and capture data to be included the second term annual report. The technical team is evaluating methods for collecting and reporting this data and will respond.

10/08/15: The APCs will submit runoff reduction and capture data for LTCP Projects to DEC. A draft reporting tool to collect information on private sector GI applications in each of the Albany Pool Communities (APCs) will be submitted to DEC for comments following APC review.

2/12/16: A final draft of the form was submitted to the Department on 2/12. The form was developed by the Pool Communities and technical team as tool to collect data on public applications of GI projects that may fly below the proverbial radar. The Pool aimed to make the form simple enough for an applicant and board members to understand and complete, yet have enough substance to educate. The use of the form by planning and zoning board staff allows the reporting to work through the established development review procedure. Because the documentation form is being implemented on a community-level, and not limited to within the CSO area, we don't ask for the sewer or water shed. The address could be used post survey to identify these attributes. The GI form requests an applicant with a GI practice to provide run-off reduction and water quality benefit data and to quantify if possible. The APCs are also attempting to capture data on whether the practice has a special maintenance plan and if there is a cost associated. Getting the contact info for the designer, installer, and caretaker for the practice also useful in case we'd like more information, the practice fails, or if we get inquiries on costs and service providers. This data will be loaded into a database that CDRPC will retain. The form was "tested" on the Capital Roots staff for their GI project at the Urban Grow Center in Troy. Their feedback was helpful and the Pool made some slight revisions to the form after this dry run.

4/14/16: The Draft GI documentation reporting form was submitted to the department on 2/12 and included in the second term Semi-Annual Report. The Pool is eager for comments on the draft form prior to distributing it to the Pool Communities for adoption into the development review process.

7/14/16: The GI Documentation and Reporting Form has been distributed to each of the Pool Communities for inclusion in the development review process, dependent on planning board site plan or subdivision approval.

10/16/16: CDRPC has implemented a tracking form and database for the communities to utilize in reporting this data. Data will be aggregated and reported in the Semi-Annual Reports annually submitted in March of each year which summarize the full calendar year of GI projects.

3/1/17: Two tracking sheets were returned from the City of Cohoes. These were added to a spreadsheet that has been employed to track implementation of non-LTCP public and private GI projects taking place in Pool Municipalities.

2/13/19: Reports GI practices and a summary database was provided in the 2016 and 2017 Annual Reports. The 2017 report contained 17 practices in the summary database. CDRPC continues to collect information on practices with data supplied by the communities. The summary report contained within the Second Term, 2019, Semi-annual report, covering the period of 2018, will be the final report that coalesces the information for NYSDEC's review. CDRPC has urged the communities to continue to rely on the GI forms to collect data and create a DB of GI practices in use.