

*Robinson's Branch Regional Stormwater Management Plan  
Chapter 1 of Final Plan  
Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program  
May 2007*

## **Chapter 1**

# **The Robinson's Branch Regional Stormwater Management Plan: Milestone 1**

### **Introduction**

Milestone 1 of the Regional Stormwater Management Plan was initiated by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program. As required by the Stormwater Rules found at N.J.A.C. 7:8, Regional Stormwater Management Planning is intended to address stormwater related water quality, groundwater recharge, and/or water quantity impacts of new and existing land uses in a regional planning area. The process of preparing the plan began by solicitation of participation by invitation and follow-up according to the rules found at N.J.A.C. 7:8-3.2 in a Regional Stormwater Management Committee.

### **The Robinson's Branch Regional Stormwater Management Committee**

The team members at Rutgers worked with local stakeholders and formed the committee that would be known as the Robinson's Branch Regional Stormwater Management Planning Committee. Invitations for participation were solicited from the municipalities contained in the region, counties, lake associations and other entities as dictated by N.J.A.C. 7:8-3.2. Active members of the committee are contained in Appendix A, Chapter 1 of this plan.

### **The Lead Planning Agency for the Robinson's Branch Regional Stormwater Management Plan**

Once the planning committee was formed, the designation of the Lead Planning Agency was secured. At a meeting of the Robinson's Branch Regional Stormwater Management Committee the Union County Department of Engineering and Public Works was designated by the Robinson's Branch Regional Stormwater Management Planning Committee as the Lead Planning Agency. The Lead Planning Agency is recognized as the primary contact for the committee and is a critical component of the preparation of the regional plan. The lead planning agency also coordinates the planning process, creates opportunities for participation in the planning process and performs other activities appropriate to facilitate the planning process. For copies of documents regarding the Lead Planning Agency, see Appendix B, Chapter 1 of this document.

### **Recognition as a Regional Stormwater Management Planning Committee**

The representative of the Lead Planning Agency submitted a request for recognition as a regional stormwater management planning committee to the Department of Environmental Protection. This request included information on the work plan and schedule for plan completion, a copy of the mailing list used to solicit participation, a copy of the letter of invitation, a copy of the responses, and proof of certified mail if required. On June 24, 2005, the Department approved the request and recognized the Robinson's Branch Regional Stormwater Committee and recognized the Union County Department of Engineering and Public Works as the Lead Planning Agency.

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**Appendix A of Chapter 1:  
Robinson's Branch Regional Stormwater Management Committee**



**Robinson's Branch Regional Stormwater Management Plan  
Committee Members (Tentative\*)  
July 2004**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
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Dennis Miranda	Rahway River Association
Chris Obropta	Rutgers University
Katie Buckley	Rutgers University
Sandra Goodrow	Rutgers University
Clay Sherman	Department of Environmental Protection
William Kruse	Middlesex County Planning Department
James P. McManimon	NJ American Water
Scott Lee Thompson	Woodbridge
Vincent Lehotsky	Elizabeth Water Watch
Richard Marsden	Fanwood
Edward Gottko	Hatch Mott MacDonald/Scotch Plains
William Fidurski	Clark Environmental Commission
Ken Denhauser	Plainfield
Stephen Vido	Plainfield
Steve Wardell	Cranford
Carolyn Vollero	Union County Mosquito Control
Otha Holmes	Union County Mosquito Control
Eileen Schack	Department of Transportation
Richard O'Connor	Clark
Bask Patel	Woodbridge
Joe Timko	Scotch Plains
Barry Geller	Union County Freeholders Office
David Wheeler	Edison Wetlands
Ferdinand Metzger	Merck
G. Bruce Connor	Union County Division of Engineering
James Houston	Rahway
Jeff Jotz	Rahway
John Covello	Edison

\*This list was prepared using meeting attendance and interest expressed.

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**Appendix B of Chapter 1:  
Lead Planning Agency**

**Union County- Division of Engineering  
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**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE UNION COUNTY DIVISION OF  
ENGINEERING AS THE LEAD PLANNING AGENCY (LPA) FOR THE  
ROBINSON'S BRANCH REGIONAL  
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Union County Division of Engineering is a broad based group composed of twenty-one individual municipalities having an interest in the protection and improvement of the Robinson's Branch through community action; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey DEP requires that a lead planning agency be designated to perform certain functions in connection with the development of a regional stormwater management plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Union County Division of Engineering has a good understanding of the issues relating to the conditions of Robinson's Branch watershed;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Union County Division of Engineering is hereby recommended to be designated as the Lead Planning Agency for purposes of conducting the Robinson's Branch Regional Stormwater Management Planning Project.

This Resolution was adopted on 2/24/2005

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G. Bruce Connor, P.E., County Engineer/ Director

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James Lynch, Basin Manager