



## Nampa Stormwater Program

### Nampa Stormwater Advisory Group (NSWAG) | Meeting #1 Summary

Nampa Library – Board Room | 215 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Nampa, ID 83651

Monday, May 2, 2016 | 4 – 6 p.m.

## Overview

The Nampa Stormwater Advisory Group (NSWAG) reconvened on Monday, May 2, 2016 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Nampa Public Library. The NSWAG is again providing input to the City of Nampa’s Stormwater Program and will assist with special project development, including the design and implementation of a stormwater summer camp for youth and a demonstration rain garden at Lakeview Park.

## Meeting Objectives

Meeting attendees convened to accomplish the following:

- Lean about Nampa’s Stormwater Outreach Program
- Provide feedback on the proposed Stormwater Summer Camp Program
- Discuss additional outreach needs and opportunities

## Meeting Agenda

### Welcome and Introductions

- New Environmental Compliance Division Staff
- Stormwater Advisory Group members

### History of the Nampa Stormwater Outreach Program

- History of program
- Past projects
- NSWAG Member Roles and Responsibilities

### What’s new?

- Upcoming projects

### Stormwater Summer Camp Review

- Preview potential activities
- Group Discussion on Summer Camp Program

### Next steps

- Tentative schedule
- Questions and ideas for next meeting

### Meeting Participants

- Nate Runyan, City of Nampa Public Works
- Leslea Basterrechea, City of Nampa Public Works
- Emiline Hogg, City of Nampa Public Works
- Marylou Soccia, Environmental Protection Agency
- Bill Stewart, Environmental Protection Agency
- Jim Werntz, Environmental Protection Agency
- Joca Veloz, EPA Subcontractor
- Elizabeth Spaulding, The Langdon Group
- Bryant Kuechle, The Langdon Group
- Ryan Soukup, The Langdon Group
- Daren Coons, Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District
- Cody Swanders, Nampa Parks and Recreation
- Chris Veloz, Health-Fit Designs
- Brian Raybon, Senator Mike Crapo's Office
- Monte Hasl, Nampa Municipal Airport
- Jamie Majors, By Trowel and Error Gardening Club
- Dean Robertson, Nampa Citizen
- Humberto Fuentes, Hispanic Cultural Center
- Hubert Osborne, Nampa Citizen
- Dave Jenkins, Nampa Citizen
- Erin Chestnut, Nampa Citizen
- Eldon Oyadomari, Idaho Power

- District Greg Curtis, Nampa and Meridian Irrigation
- Authority Jennifer Poindexter, Nampa Housing

## Meeting Summary

Nate Runyan, Deputy Public Works Director for the City of Nampa, welcomed members to the meeting and introduced the Environmental Compliance Divisions' two new staff members. Leslea Basterrechea is the new Environmental Compliance Division Superintendent and Emiline Hogg is the new Stormwater Outreach Coordinator.

### History of the Nampa Stormwater Outreach Program and the NSWAG

Bill Stewart, EPA, provided an overview of the City's stormwater program. According to Bill, stormwater is a significant issue across the country. Locally, stormwater runoff comes from a variety of sources, such as construction sites, and eventually flows into the Boise River. As a result, there are a number of local efforts to reduce stormwater runoff and its impact to the river. A major component of these efforts is educating community members on the behaviors that contribute to polluted stormwater. City of Nampa has been actively engaged in stormwater outreach and education for a number of years now, and with minimal funding has developed a nationally recognized program.

Marylou Soscia, EPA, spoke specifically about the history of the stormwater outreach program. The late Cheryl Jenkins, City of Nampa Public Works, began doing public education and outreach efforts early on. She developed key partnerships with community members and local businesses, including the Nampa School District and Walmart. Cheryl also enlisted Joca Veloz to advise on how to better include the Hispanic community in the stormwater outreach activities. Activities included Stream Clean Up days, youth programs and bilingual fliers about stormwater for distribution at public events. The Nampa Stormwater Advisory Group was originally convened to provide feedback on outreach projects and ideas, and was instrumental in the development of the stormwater kiosk located at City Acres Park. This kiosk displays information on stormwater and provides recommendations on how individuals can reduce pollution in these waters. The City of Nampa was designated a Making a Visible Difference community because of its excellent outreach to underserved communities. With this designation comes a number of additional funding opportunities to promote green infrastructure and public education.

Elizabeth Spaulding, The Langdon Group, then reviewed the Roles and Responsibilities of NSWAG members with the group to ensure they were still accurate.

## What's New?

Elizabeth explained that the stormwater program has several new efforts underway. One project the City is excited to receive NSWAG feedback on is a demonstration rain garden at Lakeview Park. This park will highlight green infrastructure, and include educational signage on how to adapt these ideas to home landscapes. Potential plans for the garden will be presented at the next NSWAG meeting.

At this juncture, Nate and Bill explained what is meant by "green infrastructure." Green infrastructure is an approach to water management that protects natural water sources. Structures such as rain barrels or permeable pavement help collect or divert stormwater runoff occurring in urban areas, subsequently reducing the amount of polluted water that runs into rivers and lakes.

Elizabeth announced there are several upcoming events where representatives from the Stormwater Program will display educational materials for the public. These events include:

- May 14, 2016: Water Education Day
- June 4 – 11, 2016: National Garden Week
- August 27, 2016: Pooch Party at the City of Nampa's pools
- September 24, 2016: Stream Cleanup Day
- October 22 – December 2016: "Museums on Main Street" Smithsonian Waterways Exhibit

## Stormwater Summer Camp Review

Emiline Hogg, Environmental Compliance Division, gave a presentation on the upcoming Stormwater Summer Camp that is currently being developed by the Stormwater Program. Emiline showcased several potential activities for summer camp attendees to experience in order to learn more about water quality and pollution, and explained that while logistics were still being determined, generally this program would occur at parks throughout Nampa in conjunction with the Oasis Summer Feeding Program and would typically last 2-4 hours. Feedback from the NSWAG will help the City move forward with this program.

After Emiline's demonstration, Elizabeth led a facilitated conversation with members of the NSWAG regarding various aspects of the proposed summer camp. Five themes arose out of these discussions: camp location, partnerships, schedule, curriculum and risk management. Suggestions and comments are provided below for each topic:

### *Camp Location*

- Emiline would like to coordinate the Stormwater Summer Camp with the Oasis Feeding Program, which provides lunch to underserved children at various parks throughout Nampa.

- Traveling Playground has data on number of children who attend each park during the summer that the team may use to best decide locations for the camp
- NSWAG identified the following parks as good locations for the camp:
  - Lakeview Park – proximity to the Hispanic Cultural Center and Boys and Girls Club
  - Nampa Dog Park
  - West Park
  - Lions Park – swimming pool nearby
  - City Acres – initial reason for the kiosk was proximity to the Hispanic community

*Partnerships – the following are potential groups or individuals the Stormwater Program can partner with:*

- By Trowel and Error is willing to help deliver the summer camp program at multiple parks.
- The Boys and Girls Club serve a large number of youth and may have interest in partnering; however, in the past, the Boys and Girls Club wanted something more regular.
- The Rec Center Day Camp is another option for partnership.
- Nampa Housing Authority has a summer program that this project could partner with to create a full day of activities for children. This may be a great place to try a pilot program to determine activities, timing, etc.
- The Hispanic Cultural Center has a Youth Leadership program beginning in June; these students may have interest in assisting with the delivery of the summer camp.
- It will be important to coordinate with the Traveling Park so that they are not at the same location at the same time
- Community partners and businesses could help provide information about the summer camp to homeschoolers.
- Library may be able to help promote the summer camp
- The Nampa Housing Authority sends a newsletter to its members, and the housing authority could include information about the summer camp.
- Partners could also provide translation services for Spanish-speaking students. The participants in the Cultural Center’s Leadership Program are all bilingual, so they could teach the summer camp in Spanish. Still, there remains some sensitivity to translation and consistency – messaging is critical.

### *Schedule*

- The timeline for the camp is after summer school ends and before school resumes in the fall – early July.
- Team members suggested pilot programs to test what works well with the children in terms of one- or two-day sessions. The pilot programs would help to make any necessary modifications.
- A menu option for educational activities is a possibility for various locations and dates.

### *Curriculum – the following activities were identified by NSWAG for inclusion in the summer camp:*

- Scavenger hunt
- Takeaway terrarium
- Watershed
- Filtering system of pop bottle filter

### *Risk Management*

- Schools send out flyers for the feeding program near the end of the school year.
- Signs promoting the camp could be placed at parks.
- There were concerns with registration forms getting lost –electronic signatures are one possibility.
- Water bills could be used to promote the camp.

### **Next Steps**

Tentatively, the next NSWAG meeting will be held in mid-July to review pilot efforts for the summer camp and provide feedback on rain garden designs.

### *Future agenda items/follow up information*

- Provide examples of green infrastructure
- Locate pictures of the 100-year flood in Nampa
- Determine “How successful have past efforts been?” I.e. how many groups or citizens received outreach during the last iteration of the NSWAG?
- Discuss additional outreach and education opportunities