

Background on Stormwater Utility Legislation and Purpose of Retreat

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Purpose and Goals

Inform DEP's work in
developing guidance

Facilitated discussions on
utility strategies

Participants gaining
knowledge on their next steps

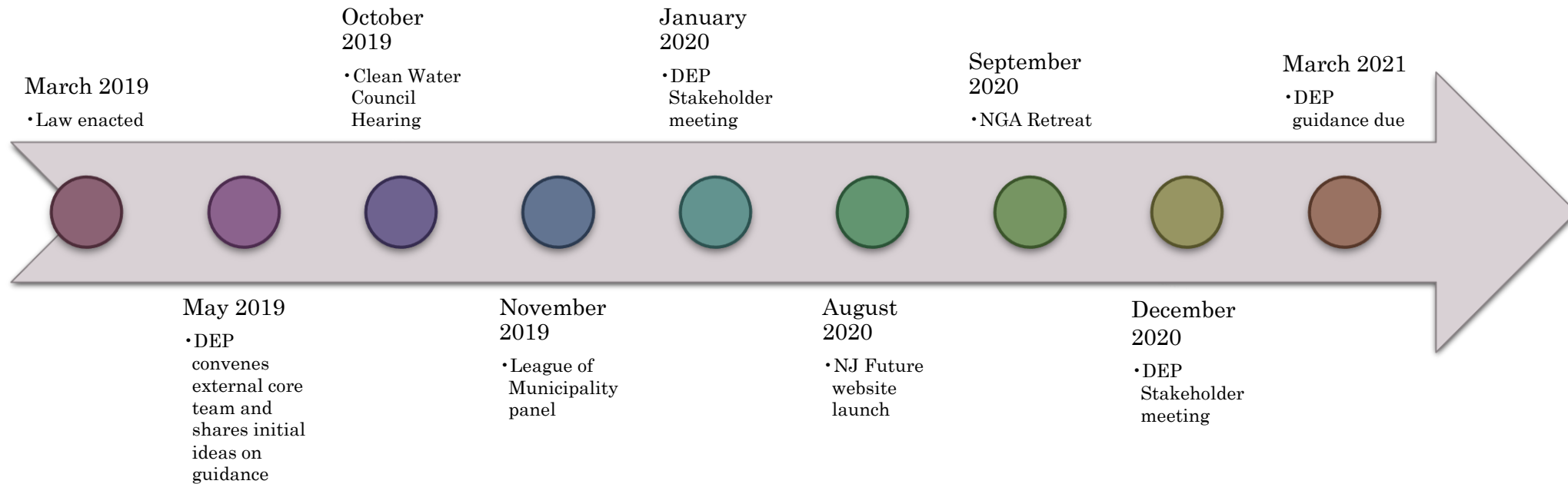
Clean
Stormwater and
Flood Reduction
Act
(NJSA 40A:26B *et*
seq.)

- Who can establish a stormwater utility (Sec. 4, 5, 6)
- What a stormwater utility can collect fees for (Sec. 8)
- Shared services agreement (Sec. 7)
- DEP's guidance manual (Sec. 16)
- Creation of Clean Stormwater and Flood Reduction Fund (Sec. 17)
- Provisions relative to budget of certain regional sewerage authorities (amends NJSA 40:14A-4.2)
- Certain contracting requirements (amends NJSA 40A:11-4.1 and 15)

Backdrop In New Jersey

- Challenges posed by climate change to water quality and flooding
- Proper O&M is essential
- Obligations under DEP's MS4 program
- Obligations under DEP's CSO permits
- Water Bank only finances capital improvements

Timeline of Activity



Technical assistance for counties, municipalities, and authorities seeking to establish a stormwater utility

Factors for counties, municipalities, and authorities to consider when establishing and revising stormwater utility fees and other charges and appropriate credits

Information on how to develop an asset management program for a stormwater management system

Information on how counties, municipalities, and authorities can conduct public outreach related to stormwater management

DEP Guidance

- Detailed infrastructure inventory
- Identify Needs
 - Capital projects
 - Operations and Maintenance
 - Critical and problematic areas to protect or improve
- Impervious surface inventory
- Level of Service options
- Fee options
- Outreach

Elements of a Feasibility Study

Questions to Consider

How do I engage residents, other officials, and key stakeholders to create buy-in?

Does it make sense to approach this from a regional perspective rather than going alone?

How do I go about creating a rate structure?

What should I be doing now as I prepare to potentially create a stormwater utility?