

**Stormwater Coalition of Albany County
Proposed 2026 Budget (A8021)
Audit and Finance Committee Questions
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Background:

On June 20, 2025 the Stormwater Coalition Board of Directors approved the Coalition 2026 budget.

Questions:

1. Identify the department representative appearing before the Audit & Finance Committee for your agency budget presentation.

Gabrielle Krupa, Coalition Director

2. Identify by line item all vacant positions in your department.

None.

3. Identify by line item any new position(s), how the position(s) will be funded and the reimbursement rate(s), if applicable.

None.

4. Identify by line item any proposed salary increase(s) beyond union contract commitments. Include justification for those raise(s).

A8021 12629 Stormwater Program Director

Increased Director salary by \$2,400. Accounts for yearly salary increase since position start date.

5. Identify by line item any position proposed to be eliminated or salary decreased.

None.

6. Identify by line item all positions that are funded by grant money, the percentage of funding provided by the grant and indicate whether there is a commitment that the grant has been renewed for 2026.

None.

7. Identify by line item all job titles proposed to be changed or moved to another line item (e.g., reclassifications).

None.

8. Provide an itemized breakdown of specific expenditures regarding fees for services lines and miscellaneous contractual expense lines and indicate 2025 budgeted expenditures compared to 2026 proposed expenditures (include a column for each expenditure year).

A8021 44046 Fees for Services	2025	2026
ADK Certified Lab – Outfall water testing – Illicit Discharges	\$1000	\$1000
ORI Outfall Testing Kit Supplies	\$1500	\$1500

Total	\$2,500	\$2,500
A8021 44999 Miscellaneous Contractual	2025	2026
GIS/Mapping/Mapping Services - Consultants	\$4500	\$3000
Coalition Website Hosting and Maintenance	\$2000	\$2000
Total	\$6,500	\$5,000

9. Identify any new initiatives and/or eliminated programs, and reimbursements associated with those programs.

No change in Fees for Services line.

Decrease Miscellaneous Contractual line \$1500. The remaining funds will be used to create a new line for Outreach Materials. GIS Mapping work will be paid through the Temp Help line.

10. Identify all County vehicles used by your department. Include the title of the employee(s) assigned each vehicle and the reason for the assignment of a County vehicle to that employee.

None. As stated in the Coalition inter-municipal agreement, Coalition staff have access to County vehicles. To date, Coalition staff prefer to use their own vehicle, and they are reimbursed for mileage.

11. Provide a specific breakdown of use for the proposed funding for all Conferences/Training/Tuition line items in your department budget.

There is \$4,000 budgeted for Conferences/Training/Tuition. These funds are used by staff from Coalition member communities to attend trainings and to cover program expenses for in-house training initiatives. The amount is a bit higher than last year to account for additional trainings that will be coming out for the updated MS4 permit and updated 2024 Design Manual.

12. Provide a specific breakdown of overtime line items in your department budget including the actual overtime expenditures for the previous two years.

None.

13. Identify by line item any positions that were established/changed during the 2025 fiscal year.

The Temp Help line was created to provide some GIS related support. Remaining balances from Nancy Heinzen's Accrued Vacation and GIS Tech Admin line were placed into the Temp Help Line. Two Temp Help interns were hired to conduct GIS tasks as it pertains to the MS4 permit.

14. Please describe the biggest risk your department faces and the actions you have taken (or will take in 2026) to better understand that risk and mitigate it.

In 2026, the Coalition will focus on the updated 2024 MS4 Permit that came out in January 2024 ensuring through contracts or Temp Help that necessary GIS mapping work be carried out. It is particularly difficult when the Department or organization consists of one staff person, which has been true of the Stormwater Coalition intermittently for many years.

The current Director will continue to work on administering updated MS4 permit requirements ensuring member communities will continue to take an active role in providing a hands-on understanding of stormwater permit requirements. The County staff responsible for providing in-kind services will continue to provide the necessary support.

The Coalition Board of Directors recognizes that 2026 will be another transitional year (adjusting to the asks of the new MS4 Permit) which includes unprecedented requirements. Despite these changes there continues to be a tenacious commitment by all Coalition members to the purpose and value of the Coalition.

15. Please list performance indicators and metrics used by your department and current statistics for those metrics.

There are performance indicators and metrics built into the NYSDEC MS4 Stormwater Permit and Coalition Inter-municipal Agreement.

In particular, progress meeting stormwater program goals are found in the MS4 Permit Joint Annual Report which is on the Coalition website here: <https://stormwateralbanycounty.org/stormwater-coalition/annual-report/>

Services and tasks specific to 2026 Coalition operations are detailed in an annual work plan adopted by the Coalition Board of Directors which is posted on the Coalition website here: [Coalition Work Plan – Albany County Stormwater Coalition](#)

Coalition member communities, along with Coalition staff participate in preparing these documents which include program metrics specific to their community and Coalition. The member communities include Albany County/DPW; University at Albany-SUNY; City of Albany; Village of Altamont; Town of Bethlehem; City of Cohoes; Town of Colonie; Village of Green Island; Town of Guilderland; Village of Menands; Town of New Scotland; Village of Voorheesville; and the City of Watervliet.

16. Note specifically all potential new unfunded mandates, regulations, risks to grant revenues, risks to reimbursement revenues, from any source.

In 2024, the Stormwater Design Manual 2024 was released by NYSDEC as well as an updated version of the General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems Permit (MS4), GP-0-24-001.

In 2025, the SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity – GP-0-20-001 was released.

In 2026, there are no projected changes that we are aware of. However, these documents drive the regulations that stormwater managers and members of the Coalition follow closely. Any changes in regulations can result in the need for budgetary or work plan alterations.