

Town of Marcellus  
Workshop Meeting  
Wednesday, July 19, 2023  
6:30 PM

Call to Order

Salute to Flag

Public Hearing: Amending Chapter 212 – Enacting a Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and  
Volunteer Ambulance Workers

Approve Monthly Financials

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. General Municipal Law §239 Referral
- B. Adopt Local Law 1-2023

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Court Clerk to Attend Conference
- B. John – Storm water

**DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**Future Meeting Dates:**

Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 2, 2023 – 6:30 PM – Town Hall

Planning/Zoning Board Meeting – Monday, August 7, 2023 – 6:30 PM – Town Hall

Workshop Meeting - Wednesday, August 16, 2023 – 6:30 pm – Town Hall

**Sandy Taylor**

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**From:** James J. Gascon <jgascon@cct-law.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2023 3:11 PM  
**To:** Karen Pollard; Sandy Taylor  
**Subject:** FW: General Municipal Law 239 Referral - Town of Marcellus - Local Law A-2023 Volunteer FF and Ambulance Tax Exemption

See below and please include in the packet of the next board meeting.

**From:** Rachel Woods <RachelWoods@ongov.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2023 2:48 PM  
**To:** Sheri Schmedicke <:sschmedicke@cct-law.com>  
**Cc:** James J. Gascon <jgascon@cct-law.com>  
**Subject:** Re: General Municipal Law 239 Referral - Town of Marcellus - Local Law A-2023 Volunteer FF and Ambulance Tax Exemption

[REDACTED]

Hi Sheri,

We just reviewed your referral and this action would be exempt from referral to Onondaga County Planning Board. Per GML, *only local laws relative to land and regulation are referable*. Please let me know if you have any questions.

have a good weekend,  
Rachel

**Rachel Woods**

Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency

335 Montgomery Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Syracuse, New York 13202  
Phone: 315.435.2611

**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION  
ENACTING LOCAL LAW A-2023  
TOWN OF MARCELLUS**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, held at the Town Hall, 22 East Main Street, in said Town, County of Onondaga, State of New York, on July 19, 2023, at 6:30 P.M., there were:

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Karen Pollard	Town Supervisor
	Jamie Curtin	Councilor
	Gabe Hood	Councilor
	Terry Hoey	Councilor
	Laurie Stevens	Councilor

**WHEREAS**, the following resolution was offered by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a proposed local law titled Local Law No. A-2023, "A Local Law Amending Chapter 212 of the Code of the Town of Marcellus Enacting A Property Tax Exemption For Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 466-A," was presented and introduced at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus held on June 21, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on such proposed local law on July 19, 2023, by the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus and proof of publication of notice of such public hearing, as required by law, having been submitted and filed, and all persons desiring to be heard in connection with said proposed local law having been heard, and said proposed local law having been in the possession of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus in its final form in the manner required by Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 21, 2023, the Town Board declared itself lead agency and determined that the enactment of proposed Local Law No. A-2023 is an Unlisted Action and issued a negative declaration thus concluding environmental review under State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest to enact said proposed Local Law No. A-2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York, does hereby enact Proposed Local Law No. A-2023 as Local Law No. \_\_-2023 as follows:

**TOWN OF MARCELLUS  
LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_ OF 2023**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 212 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF  
MARCELLUS ENACTING A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER**

**FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO  
REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW § 466-A**

Be it enacted by the Town of Marcellus Town Board, as follows:

**SECTION 1.**

So that a new Article VIII of Chapter 212 of the Code of the Town of Marcellus, titled “Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Exemption,” is hereby enacted pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a, which shall read in its entirety as follows:

“§ 212-24 Legislative Intent.

It is the intent of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus to provide a real property tax exemption to qualifying volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers as set forth in Real Property Tax Law § 466-a.

§ 212-25 Authority.

Real Property Tax Law § 466-a authorizes the Town Board to adopt a local law providing a real property tax exemption of up to ten percent of the assessed value of real property owned by the qualifying volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers.

§ 212-26 Grant of exemption.

An exemption of 10% of assessed value of property owned by an enrolled member as set forth below, or such enrolled member and their spouse, is hereby granted from taxation with respect to the real property taxes of the Town of Marcellus as long as eligibility requirements are met.

§ 212-27 Eligibility requirements.

Such exemption shall be granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service provided that:

- A. The property is owned by the volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker;
- B. The property is the primary residence of the volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker;
- C. The property is used exclusively for residential purposes;
- D. The volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker resides in the Town of Marcellus and the Town of Marcellus is served by such incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service;

E. The volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker is certified by the authority having jurisdiction as an enrolled member of such an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service; and

F. The volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker meets the minimum service requirement established by the Town of Marcellus, which is hereby established as three (3) years.

§ 212-28 Application.

A volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker must annually, on or before the applicable taxable status date, file an application for such property tax exemption with the assessor responsible for preparing the assessment roll for the Town of Marcellus, on a form as prescribed by the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance. The Town of Marcellus must maintain written guidelines, available upon request, as to the requirements of an enrolled volunteer member relating to this exemption.

§ 212-29 Certification.

The Town of Marcellus Town Board must annually file with the Town Assessor, prior to the applicable taxable status date, a list of the active volunteer members who are certified to meet the minimum service requirement. Such list must provide, as of the applicable taxable status date, the number of years of service served by each such enrolled member and such enrolled member's address of residence.

§ 212-30 No diminution of benefits.

An applicant who is receiving any benefit pursuant to Article 4 of the Real Property Tax Law as of the effective date of this Article shall not have any of those benefits diminished because of this Article.

§ 212-31 Grant of lifetime exemption.

Any eligible enrolled member who accrues more than 20 years of active volunteer service (as certified by the authority having jurisdiction) shall be granted the 10% exemption as authorized by this Article for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within the Town of Marcellus.

§ 212-32 Un-remarried spouse of enrolled member killed in the line of duty.

The un-remarried surviving spouse of a deceased enrolled member killed in the line of duty, as certified by the authority having jurisdiction, is qualified to continue to receive an exemption, as long as the deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five years and had been receiving the exemption at the time of his or her death.

§ 212-33 Un-remarried spouse of deceased enrolled member.

The un-remarried surviving spouse of a deceased enrolled member, as certified by the authority having jurisdiction, is qualified to continue to receive an exemption, as long as the deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least 20 years and the deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption at the time of his or her death.”

**SECTION 2.            Validity and Severability.**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this Local Law is declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to said clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law.

**SECTION 3.            Effective Date.**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law Section 27.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

<b>VOTE:</b>	Karen Pollard	Town Supervisor	Yes/No
	Jamie Curtin	Councilor	Yes/No
	Gabe Hood	Councilor	Yes/No
	Terry Hoey	Councilor	Yes/No
	Laurie Stevens	Councilor	Yes/No

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**DATED:     July 19, 2023**

Marcellus Justice Court  
22 East Main Street  
Marcellus, New York 13108

Telephone: (315)673-3269

Fax(315)671-4675

July 12, 2023

Town of Marcellus Supervisor,  
Karen Pollard, and  
Members of the Board,

Dear Supervisor and Board Members,

I am writing to request to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Court Clerks Conference in Verona, New York.

I have spoken to both Judge Dailey and Judge Moses, and they feel that as the President of the Onondaga County Magistrates Court Clerks Association, it is important that I attend, and represent the Town of Marcellus Court as well as Onondaga County.

Please find the attached registration information, along with the total expenditures for the conference. Registration for the conference and hotel reservation must be received by September 1, 2023.

Thank you for consideration, as well as the opportunity to represent the Town at this year's conference.

Sincerely,



Mary Beth Lollis-Barnell  
Court Clerk







**Confirmation Number:** 74777529  
**Date Registered:** 07/07/2023

Mary Lollis-Barnell  
 mlbarnell@nycourts.gov

Marcellus, New York

**Event Details**

2023 NYSAMCC Annual Conference

September 17-20, 2023

**Registration Details: Attendee**

TOTAL: \$995.00

When paying by check make check payable to NYSAMCC Inc. and send a copy of this receipt with your payment to:

2023 NYSAMCC Annual Conference  
 PO Box 852  
 Troy, NY 12181

<b>Selection</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Mary Lollis-Barnell: Attendee	1	\$ 100.00
<b>Turning Stone Package (Includes hotel accomodations and meals Sunday 9/17 - Wednesday 9/20):</b> Turning Stone Package SINGLE Occupancy	1	\$ 895.00
	<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 995.00</b>
	<b>Paid</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 995.00</b>

**Attendee transactions**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Transaction Type</b>	
07/07/2023	Transaction Amount	\$ 995.00

**Attendee Information**

**Reference Number** 74777529

**Email Address: Email  
for Receipt:**

- **Attendees -  
MUST USE  
NYCOURTS  
EMAIL** mlbarnell@nycourts.gov
- **Vendor/Sponsor -  
USE ANY VALID  
EMAIL**

**First Name** Mary  
**Middle Initial** E (Beth)  
**Last Name** Lollis-Barnell

**Are you a Member?** Member

**Is this your first  
conference?** No

**Town or Village Court** Town

**Court Name (Please  
list primary court)** Marcellus

**Are you a county  
representative?** No

**District Number** 5

**Court Mailing Address** 22 East Main Street

**City** Marcellus

**State** New York

**Zip Code** 13108

**Country** United States

**Phone Number** 315-673-3269

**Please provide your T-  
Shirt size for store  
planning purposes** Extra large

**Attendee Selection  
Selection**

**Cost**

**Attendee Category** Attendee

\$ 100.00

**Turning Stone  
Package (Includes  
hotel  
accomodations  
and meals  
Sunday 9/17 -  
Wednesday 9/20)** Turning Stone Package SINGLE Occupancy

\$ 895.00

**Do you have any special  
needs for your room?** No

**Total** **\$ 995.00**

Transaction details  
**Transaction Type**

**Amount**

**Date**

07/07/2023

Transaction Amount

\$ 995.00

**Balance**

**\$ 995.00**

Close

## Mary Beth Lollis-Barnell

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**From:** 2023 NYSAMCC Annual Conference <nysamcc@conferencedirect.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2023 9:50 AM  
**To:** Mary Beth Lollis-Barnell  
**Subject:** Confirmation for 2023 NYSAMCC Annual Conference



Dear Mary,

Your conference, meals and hotel registration have been received for the 2023 NYSAMCC Annual Conference at The Turning Stone Resort. Your registration number is 74777529. We are looking forward to seeing you this year!

If you chose to pay by check, please make check payable to NYSAMCC Inc and mail to PO Box 852, Troy NY 12181. If you chose to pay by credit card, please [click here](#) to submit your secure payment.

Watch your email for more details as the conference date approaches. There are great restaurants to try for the dine around on Sunday. BBQ night at the Tin Rooster on Monday, bring your cowboy hat and boots for a fun time.

Hotel Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be received at least 72 hours prior to arrival date.

Check-in time is 4:00 PM – Check-out time is 11:00 AM.

Reservations will be guaranteed from date of arrival to date of departure, as confirmed and credit will not be given for missed meals.

Important Conference Information:

- Conference date: Sunday, September 17th - Wednesday September 20th, 2023
- Conference Location: Turning Stone Resort & Casino, 5218 Patrick Road, Verona, NY 13478

**PLEASE FIND YOUR REGISTRATION RECORD AND RECEIPT USING BUTTON BELOW:**

Receipt/Invoice

Thank you,

NYSAMCC Conference Team

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

(2009  
begin develop) Sage Meadows subdivision  
Photo June 12, 2023

## John Houser

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**From:** John Houser <barracuda.9@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 1:26 PM  
**To:** John Houser



Sent from my iPhone

John Houser

Photo June 12, 2023

**From:** John Houser <barracuda.9@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 1:29 PM  
**To:** John Houser



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**John Houser**

*Photo June 12, 2023*

**From:** John Houser <barracuda.9@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 1:31 PM  
**To:** John Houser



Sent from my iPhone



John Houser

Photo June 12, 2023

**From:** John Houser <barracuda.9@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 1:33 PM  
**To:** John Houser



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Sent from my iPhone

Photo June 12, 2017

6/12-23  
Dry weather  
inspection of  
Sage Meadows

## Areas of Ponds and Wetlands

Key areas to inspect for ponds and wetlands include the following:

- PO 1. Drainage area *OK*
- PO 2. Inlet pipes and swales *some erosion in swales*
- PO 3. Pond area and embankments *OK*
- PO 4. Pond outlet *OK*

**Note:** This category includes the following practices:

- *Wet ponds* – have a permanent pool of water and may be divided into various “cells”
- *Stormwater wetlands* – have a variety of depth zones ranging from deep pools to shallow wetlands and are characterized by wetland vegetation

It is recommended strongly to have as-built drawings and copies of previous inspections at hand, if available. Aerial photos may be needed to help direct the inspector to the pond or wetland location if it is obscured by vegetation.

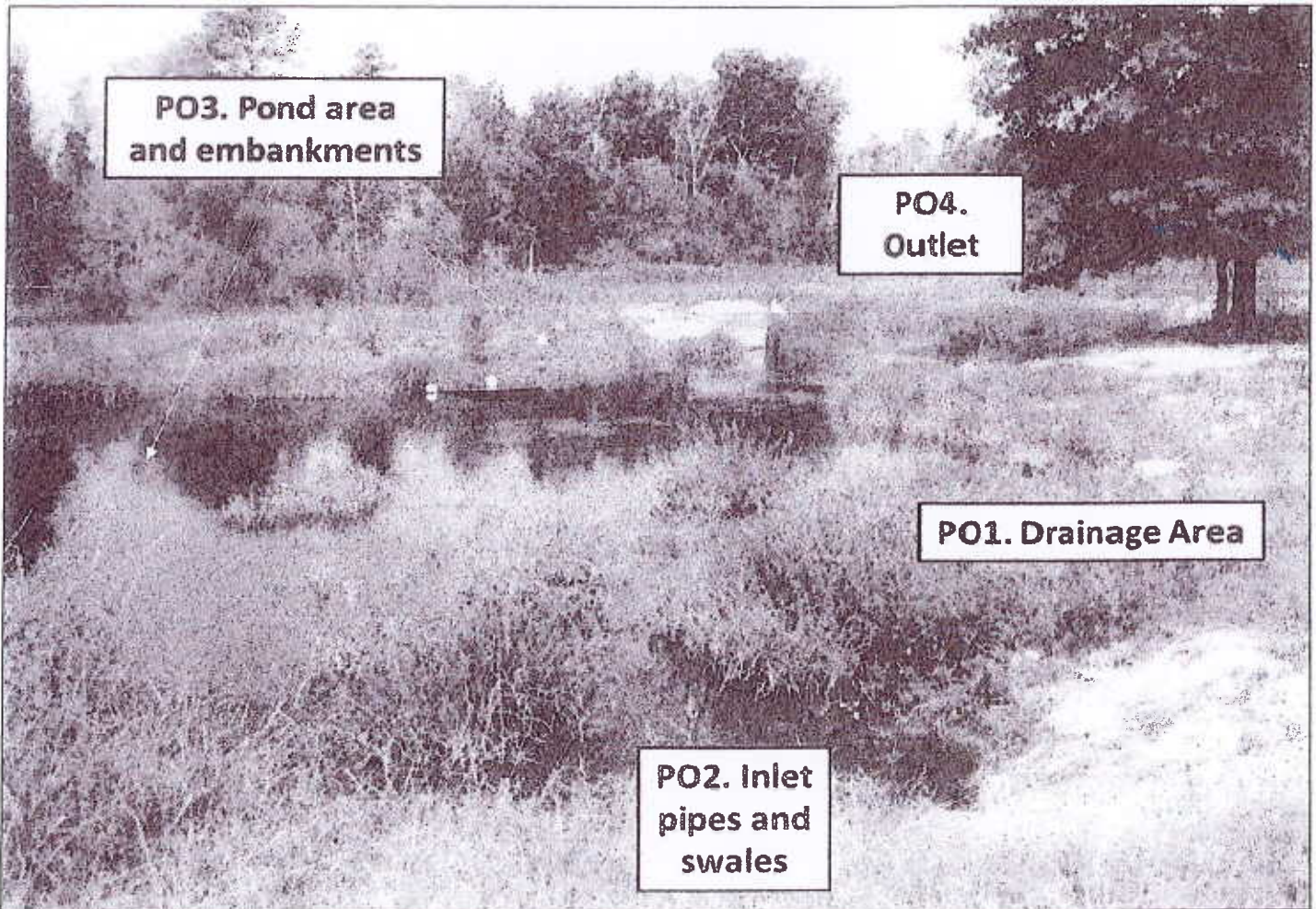


Figure 2.10.1. Key Areas for Level 1 Inspection of a Pond/Wetland

6-12-23  
Dry weather  
inspection of  
Sage Meadows.

## 2.5. Swales

### Areas of Swales

- Key areas to inspect for swales include the following:
- SW 1. Drainage Area *OK*
- SW 2. Inlets *OK*
- SW 3. Swale Surface Area *maintenance needed*
- SW 4. Vegetation *yes but help fill with loose soils.*
- SW 5. Outlets *OK*

**Note:** The category of Swales includes:

- **Vegetated Swale** – shallow channel densely planted with variety of grasses, shrubs, and/or trees (also called bioswale or drainage swale)
- **Wet Swale** – a cross between a wetland and a swale, this linear system intercepts groundwater to maintain wetland vegetation

For the purposes of this chapter, the term “Swale” will be used to generally describe these practices.

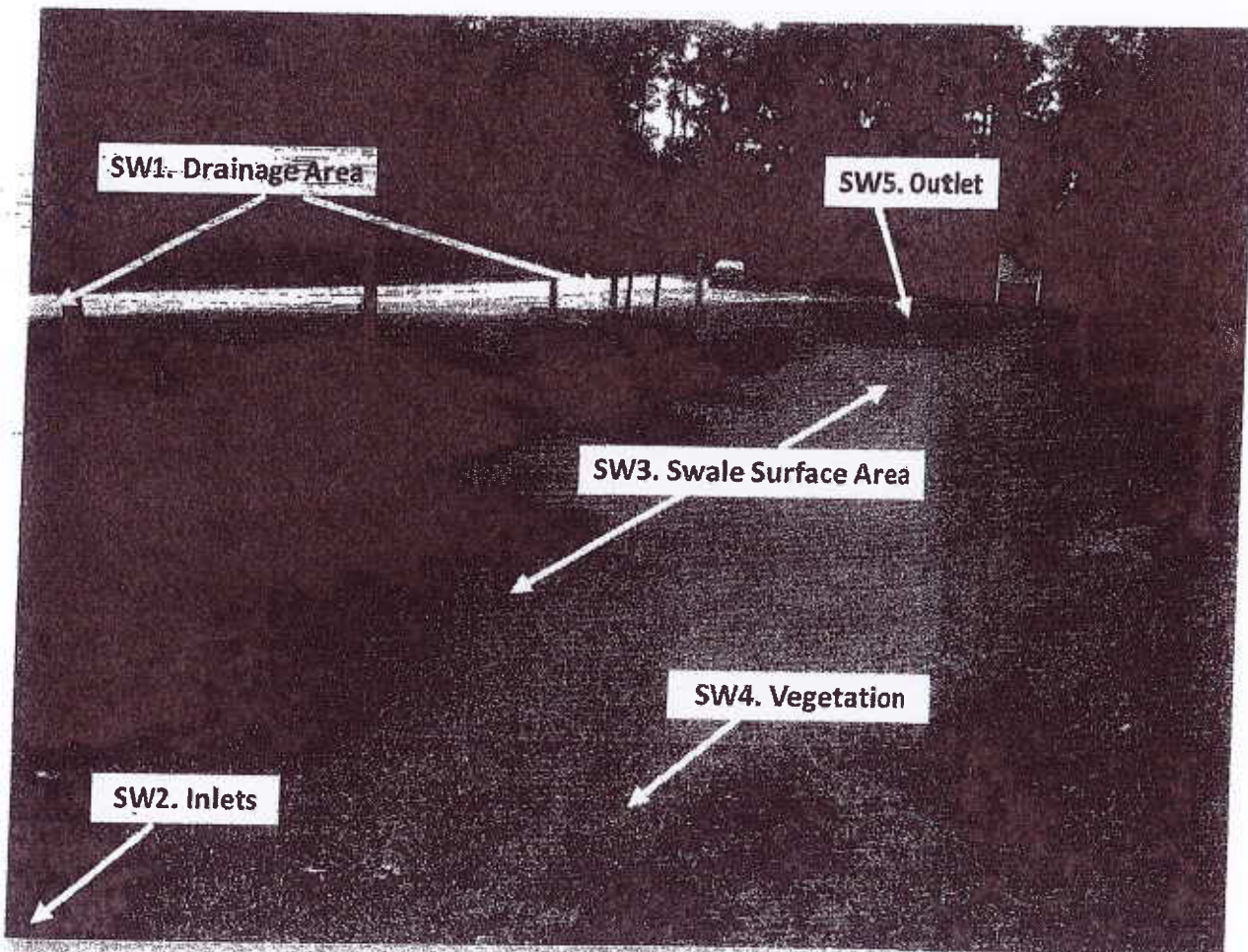


Figure 2.5.1 Key Areas for Level 1 Inspection of Swales Credit

**MS4 Annual Report Form**

This report is being submitted for the reporting period ending March 9, 2023

If submitting this form as part of a joint report on behalf of a coalition leave SPDES ID blank.

Name of MS4/Coalition

SPDES ID

**Minimum Control Measure 5. Post-Construction Stormwater Management**

The information in this section is being reported (check one):

- On behalf of an individual MS4
- On behalf of a coalition

How many MS4s contributed to this report?

**1. How many and what type of post-construction stormwater management practices has your MS4/Coalition inventoried, inspected and maintained in this reporting period?**

	# Inventoried	# Inspections	# Times Maintained
<input type="radio"/> Alternative Practices	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="radio"/> Filter Systems	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="radio"/> Infiltration Basins	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Open Channels	<input type="text" value="12"/>	<input type="text" value="24"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Ponds	<input type="text" value="10"/>	<input type="text" value="20"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>
<input type="radio"/> Wetlands	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="radio"/> Other	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**2. Do you use an electronic tool (e.g. GIS, database, spreadsheet) to track post-construction BMPs, inspections and maintenance?**  Yes  No

**3. What types of non-structural practices have been used to implement Low Impact Development/Better Site Design/Green Infrastructure principles?**

- Building Codes
- Municipal Comprehensive Plans
- Overlay Districts
- Open Space Preservation Program
- Zoning
- Local Law or Ordinance
- None
- Land Use Regulation/Zoning
- Watershed Plans
- Other Comprehensive Plan

Other: