

# Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

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## WRCC/Guidance Team Work Session Summary June 6, 2012

### Attendees:

Matt Candland  
Gale Engles  
Rosetta Mann  
Tom Devilbiss  
Brad Plante

Jim Wieprecht  
Glenn Edwards  
Jeff Glass  
Monika Weierbach  
Clay Black

Brenda Dinne  
Dan Riley  
Steve Miller  
Michael Swam  
Leigh Broderick

Frank Schaeffer  
Marge Wolf  
Hugh Murphy  
Perry Jones

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 by Matt Candland.

**Election of New Chair** – Matt made a motion that Frank Schaeffer be the new chair of the WRCC. The motion was seconded and approved by the committee. Tom Devilbiss recommended a new vice chair be elected also. Steve Miller was elected as the vice chair.

**NPDES Questionnaire: Vehicle & Mobile Power Washing** – Glen requested that everyone have their NPDES questionnaire to Rose by the end of the week.

Glenn handed out the following information on vehicle power washing and stormwater pollution and requested display them at their town and city offices to help fulfill the education requirement in their NPDES Phase II permits:

- Vehicle Washing: Keeping it out of our Waters
- MDE Facts About Car Washing Fundraisers
- Make Your Home the Solution to Stormwater Pollution.

A new web page on the County web site called Protecting Carroll County Waters should be ready before the annual report is complete on July 15. The site provides basis information about preventing stormwater runoff pollution along with phone numbers for non-emergency concerns.

Vehicle washing has become an issue that needs to be addressed starting by educating County and municipal staff then the general public. The County's goal is to bring violators into compliance by educating as opposed to issuing a violation; when possible. Glenn is working on educational materials to educate business owners and contractors on power washing. It is the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit holders responsibility to address if it enters or exits the MS4 system. Discharges need to be eliminated or permitted through Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

**Groundwater Exploration Update – Hugh Murphy** – Working on the first phase the geophysics which targets areas for drilling. The contractor is looking at data and a report should be ready by the end of July.

The observation well information can be accessed on the Carroll County web site under Land Use, Planning & Development; Carroll County Maryland Observation Well Network. The observation well program currently has 45

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wells that are monitored bi-weekly, 35 quarterly, and 20 that are monitored by probes; altogether there are 100 well monitored throughout the county. Hugh reviewed the information for several wells sites and explained what the data trends indicated for those particular wells.

**Sediment & Erosion Control Standards & Specs** – Recently MDE adopted the new standards for soil erosion and sediment control. Revisions have been made to Chapter 121; reviewed by the County Attorney and sent to Soil Conservation for their staff's review. Gale went over the substantial changes that would affect the municipalities. The revised Chapter 121 will be sent to MDE before June 9<sup>th</sup>. MDE's approval or comments should take about a month. Once approval is received from MDE copies will be sent to the municipalities; staff will go to the Board of County Commissioners and request a Public hearing and their concurrence. Chapter 121 needs to be adopted and in place by January 13, 2013. There is a grandfathering clause that requires preliminary approval or a grading permit prior to 2015.

**SB236 Septic Bill** – Brenda Dinne and Ed Singer drafted a letter on the grandfathering provisions of this bill. The county attorney's office will review the letter before it is sent out to surveyors and engineers and local land use attorneys within the next week. A news release will also be sent out for the general public. The County will accept preliminary plans, prior to the perk test, submitted to Development Review before October 1, 2012. These plans will be exempt from certain sections of this bill as long as preliminary approval by the Planning Commission given by October 1, 2016. The County will do some initial mapping of the tiers for the municipalities. The planners will work with the municipalities to review the preliminary tiers and make adjustments as they see fit. The towns are required to adopt tiers as well by December 31, 2012.

**HP 987/SB 614 Stormwater/Impervious Bill** - This bill requires the County to collect a stormwater fees; however the municipalities are not required, but may elect to collect the fee. Before any fee can be determined the municipalities need to select one of the following options:

1. Collect no fee at all or
2. Elect to have the County set and collect the fee, or
3. Set and collect your own fee and handle stormwater, or
4. County collect and administer fee and handle stormwater

Tom and Brenda will attend Town Council meetings, to give an overview of the bill, explain the options, and answer any questions they may have, within the next couple months. Rose will contact each municipality for dates and time of their next meeting to get on their agenda. Tom suggested the members of the councils read the legislation before the meetings. Staff can start compiling numbers and looking at what other jurisdictions are doing until the municipalities make a decision.

Brenda reported that the Board of Commissioners (BCC) opted not to pursue an application for \$150,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for assistance with options for structuring a fee program. The WRCC had signed a letter of support to the National Fish and Wildlife (NFW) for this application. Phil Hager said the BCC felt it was better for the people who live here to generate our own solutions and not be bound by those of an outside group.

**WIP Comment Letter re: Current Progress & MDE Submission of Carroll County** – MDE submitted their final Phase II WIP to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on March 30. MDE submitted strategies for anyone who didn't submit their own. MDE's Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) submittal was released at the end of April. After meeting with MDE, the decision was made not to make any changes to our submittal but send comments and concerns on MDE's submittal. Brenda will draft the letter and asked that any comments be sent to her within the next couple weeks. Frank Schaeffer will sign the letter as WRCC Chair. The comments are due to EPA before July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Open Discussion**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15

**The next meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2012 at 2:30 in Room 003.**

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