

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

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WRCC/Guidance Team Work Session Summary August 1, 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 2:04 by Frank Schaeffer

Update – Floodplain Map Update – Gale Engles & Jason Stick

Public notification on the Draft Flood Insurance Rate Map revisions was published in the Carroll County Times, Legal Notice section, on July 11, 2012 and July 18, 2012. The County sent out a letter to all property owners with the 100 year floodplain on their property on July 26, 2012 informing them of the map revisions. The 90 day review period for the maps started on July 18, 2012 and any technical appeals need to be sent to Jason Stick, who will transmit to FEMA, before October 10, 2012.

A public meeting will be held on August 28 at 6:00 at Carroll Community College for anyone interested in looking at the maps. Representatives from Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) along with County staff will be present to answer questions. Anyone who is unable to attend the meeting can come into the County Office Building, Room 204 to view the maps and ask questions or go to the web site given in the letter. Any appeals on the maps are to be sent to the County, who will send to FEMA, by the end of the review period, October 15.

After the 90 day appeal period ends FEMA reviews all the appeals and send out a letter of final determination. The new maps become effective six (6) months after the letter is mailed out. Changes to the County Floodplain Ordinance code will need to be made before the new maps go into effective. Staff will present the changes to the Board of County Commissioners then hold a public hearing before changes are made.

Tom encouraged the municipality's representatives to attend the meeting on August 28; even though the County implements the floodplain management each municipalities are ultimately responsible for their jurisdiction. He felt it would be beneficial for them to hear what FEMA and MDE had to say.

Update – County Groundwater Levels – Hugh Murphy

As of July 16, 2012 the State of Maryland has the central Maryland are under a drought watch based on data from two wells in Carroll County that the United States Geological Survey (USGS) monitors. One well is located in Union Mills and the other in Gillis Falls. Data does not indicate drought conditions, but precipitation is at 75% of the 30 year normal, which presents a deficit for groundwater recharge.

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Groundwater levels in Carroll County are monitored every two weeks and entered into a database to compare to previous years. According to the last levels taken two weeks earlier we don't see the same low levels of groundwater. He stated that we had some rain in the middle of July which may account for the higher levels. The Frederick drought monitor as of July 24, 2012 took central Maryland out of the drought watch. Data from several wells in the municipalities and County were presented.

Update - Union Mills – Hugh Murphy

Collected more geophysical data at the end of June and have received some results back. There are some targets that look interesting but no decisions can be made until the full report is received.

Presentation – Total Maximum Daily Loads of Phosphorus in the Double Pipe Creek Watershed, Frederick and Carroll Counties, Maryland

Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) held a formal informational briefing on Double Pipe Creek, Upper Monocacy and Lower Monocacy Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Nutrient (Phosphorus).

The County will be sending comments on the TMDL's. If any municipalities would like their comments to be included with the Counties they need to have them to Tom before the following due dates:

Double Pipe Creek	August 22, 2012
Upper Monocacy	August 24, 2012
Lower Monocacy	August 30, 2012

Open Discussion

Maryland Department of Planning released today a web page with an interactive map for SB236 for tier and their data layers and an updated guidance document. Brenda will send the link to MDP's web page.

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act passed in 2009 mandated the state to develop a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan. That plan was released in the spring and comments are due to MDE by August 17. Brenda suggested everyone at least read plan especially the section on Land Use & Transportation because it has significant impacts. Brenda will send the link to everyone for their review.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15

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