

# Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

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## WRCC/Guidance Team Work Session Summary September 5, 2012

### **Attendees:**

Gale Engles  
Rosetta Mann  
Tom Devilbiss  
Brad Plante  
Daphne Daly

Jim Wieprecht  
Jeff Glass  
Monika Weierbach  
Ed Singer

Brenda Dinne  
Dan Riley  
Steve Miller  
Andrea Gerhard

Frank Schaeffer  
Marge Wolf  
Hugh Murphy  
Perry Jones

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 by Frank Schaeffer.

Minutes from the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved.

### **Update – HB 987 – Stormwater Fee**

County staff met with the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on August 23, 2012, to discuss the stormwater fee and get some direction on how they wanted to proceed. The BCC directed staff to move ahead with identifying options, as well as their pros and cons, and to form an advisory group to assist with recommendations on a fee structure. The BCC also approved using a facilitator with expertise in utility fees to assist in the process.

The advisory group is anticipated to have representatives from the County and municipalities, business, the agricultural community, and financial sector. Brad Plante and Jeff Glass will represent the municipalities on the group. At this time, the discussion is leaning toward having the group meet bi-monthly; one of the meetings could be held at the monthly WRCC meeting. The advisory group would discuss the rate structure first, and then make a recommendation to the BCC. Once the BCC decides how to proceed, the rest of the program could be developed. The law requires that a program be adopted and implemented by July 2013. However, it does not necessarily require that the fee be ready to charge by that time.

### **Update SB236 Septic Bill (Tier Mapping)**

County staff met with the BCC on July 23 to seek direction on the Septic Bill. Staff recommended delaying the tier mapping and doing it as part of the comprehensive plan process so that the placement and impacts of the tiers could be evaluated as part of the larger planning process. The BCC requested a public meeting be scheduled to get input on whether to map by December 31 or to delay until it can be

done with the comprehensive plan. Staff will contact Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) and request a representative to come and explain what the requirements are and answer questions. The end of September would be the earliest the meeting could be scheduled.

Staff recommended the municipalities move ahead with their tier mapping. After December 31, 2012, no major subdivisions may be approved outside the current service areas until tier maps are adopted. County staff will be available to assist the municipalities with their mapping. The tiers are as follows:

Tier I	Areas that are currently served by sewer
Tier II	Planned service areas to be served by sewer
Tier III	Large Lot developments on septic
Tier IV	Preservation and conservation areas

### **Water & Sewer Master Plan Update**

The triennial update of the Water & Sewer Master Plan was adopted by the BCC in December 2011 and sent to MDE for their review. Comments from MDE were received in June 2012. Staff met with MDP and Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) in July to get clarification on their comments and concerns. Comments were focused on identification of specific projects that would be undertaken involving improvements to sewer systems, when they would occur, and how any shortfalls in capacity that may occur within a 10-year time period would be addressed. Planning staff will be working with municipalities to address the comments. Daphne Daly provided each municipality with tables to be filled out indicating which projects would be completed within the next 10 years, when demand might exceed capacity, and if any of the planned projects would address the capacity shortfall. If projects are not planned, changes to service areas may need to be considered.

### **Growth Offset Policy**

County staff attended a public meeting in Baltimore Co. on July 31<sup>st</sup> on draft Growth Offset Policy. MDE released a Discussion Draft that will be used to develop a regulation that is expected to be adopted by the end of the year. Staff is reviewing the Discussion Draft and preparing comments that are due by October 1<sup>st</sup>. The municipalities can send to Brenda any comments that they would like to be included with the County's comment letter.

### **Carroll County Utilities Advisory Council**

Matt Candland has previously represented the Water Resource Coordination Council (WRCC) on the Utilities Advisory Council (UAC) but is no longer available to serve. Steve Miller will be the new representative from the WRCC.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57

**The next meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2012 at 2:30 in Room 003.**