

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

Hampstead * Manchester * Mt. Airy * New Windsor
Carroll County Health Department



* Sykesville * Taneytown * Union Bridge * Westminster
Carroll County Government

WRCC/Guidance Team Work Session Summary December 5, 2012

Attendees:

Gale Engles	Glenn Edwards	Brad Plante	Mike Haufler
Rosetta Mann	Brenda Dinne	Frank Schaeffer	Sheree Lima
Tom Devilbiss	Dan Riley	Steve Miller	Ed Singer
Jim Wieprecht	Dawn Ashbacher		

The meeting was called to order at 2:37 by Frank Schaeffer.

Minutes from the November 7st meeting were approved.

Update Tier Mapping

County staff met with Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on November 13 to discuss tier mapping and are awaiting their direction.

Several of the municipalities reported their process on adopting tiers.

Hampstead - Challenging Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) interpretation of SB236. Tier mapping for SB236 will be presented at the Hampstead Council meeting on December 11. Changes increasing minor subdivisions from 2 to 7 will also be discussed.

Manchester - Pending

Taneytown - Pending

New Windsor - Administratively adopted map.

Sykesville - Should be done by the end of the year.

Tom requested that the Bureau of Development Review be informed of any code changes the municipalities make to their minor subdivision lots.

Ed sent an inquiry to Jay Prager (MDE) about grandfathering under SB 236 of preliminary plans for which approvals have expired under the County Code. There is nothing in SB236 that says how far in advance of October 1, 2012 a preliminary plan could have been submitted. Jay agreed with Ed's interpretation that any preliminary plan submitted prior to October 1, 2012 can be processed and would need final preliminary plan approval by October 1, 2016. However, any property that has received County preliminary plan approval prior to October 1, 2012 could be grandfathered but it would still need to meet all other County requirements and deadlines.

On November 29, the Commissioners held a public hearing on a code change to Chapter 103 to allow up to 7 lots on a property to be approved for septic systems. The Board is holding the record open for 10 business days. The Board is schedule to deliberate on December 11.

Update – HB 987 – Stormwater Fee

A letter has been drafted that will be sent out to recruit potential members for the Stormwater Fee Advisory Group. Brenda is also drafting a report with background information on HB987 which will be given to the Stormwater Fee Advisory Group to use as a basis for its own report to the Board with recommendations and priorities for a rate structure. The goal is to get the group started in January.

Brenda contacted the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation to inquire about availability of and eligibility for the Walk-Up Technical Assistance Grant. The grant would be used to get someone to review our work, see if there are other things we need to look at, and facilitate the Stormwater Fee Advisory Group. She was told no money would be available until March.

Staff drafted language, which may be forwarded to the legislature, to exempt jurisdictions that have financing in place and have no need to create a stormwater fee at this time.

Update NPDES

Glenn will be contacting municipalities about the annual field screening of the outfalls that he will be conducting shortly.

Glenn reported on General Discharge Permit Hearing that he and Tom attended on November 26th. It was very confusing, and everyone had a lot of questions that couldn't be answered. Glenn sent out an email on November 20 with a brief overview, a link to the new permit, and the 75-page detailed Fact Sheet to help explain the permit criteria.

There has been no word yet on the draft Phase II Permit for the municipalities that was originally expected by the end of the year.

Discussion Item: Growth Offset Policy/Regulations

Brenda distributed copies of Accounting for Growth Discussion Draft dated July 12, 2012, Accounting for Growth Discussion Draft dated August 27, 2012, and Accounting for Growth (PowerPoint presentation) and provided an overview of the proposed growth offsets policy and regulation under discussion to give everyone a little better understanding. Brenda said the growth offsets originated with the phase I Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP), where it was discussed as the State's strategy to account for new growth. One of the strategies in the Section 1.28, of the Phase II WIP, was to develop growth offsets for new development.

Brenda is currently working on a web page under the Land Use, Planning & Development web site to provide information on State and federal initiatives – such as Plan Maryland, WIP, Growth Offsets, etc. – for which we have provided comments on or taken some action. There will be links to the State's web sites and any comment letters we have sent.

Steve Miller said the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) performed a water distribution inspection for Manchester. He encouraged everyone to have an Emergency Operations Plan for their water supply system before they are inspected.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2013 at 2:30 in Room 105.