

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 January 23, 2013

Attendees:

Gale Engles	Brenda Dinne	Steve Miller	Sheree Lima
Rosetta Mann	Dan Riley	Byron Madigan	Leigh Broderick
Jim Wieprecht	Brad Plante	Kate Heilman	Martin Covington
Marge Wolf	Frank Schaeffer	Jonathan Bowman	
Ann Armstrong	Jeff Glass	Janet O'Meara	

The meeting was called to order at 2:38 by Frank Schaeffer.

Minutes from the December 5th meeting were approved as written.

Restoration Effort

The Bureau of Resource Management gave the presentations on their restoration efforts over the past few years. Presentations were given by staff on the following topics:

Byron Madigan, Water Resource Technician - **Watershed Planning**

Kate Heilman, Water Restoration Specialist – **Restoration Planning**

Jonathan Bowman, Forest Conservation Specialist – **Restoration Through Tree Planting**

Janet O'Meara, Watershed Management Specialist - **Regional Stormwater Management Facilities Retrofits**

Martin Covington, Program Engineer/Stormwater Management – **Regional Stormwater Management Facilities Retrofits**

If anyone would like a copy of the presentations, contact Gale Engles.

Update Tier Mapping

The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) made a decision to take no action on the tier mapping at this time. The BCC sent a letter to Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) informing them of the decision on tier mapping and another letter regarding the code changes, increasing minor subdivisions from 3 to 7 lots for the purpose of the number of septic systems that could be approved by the Health Department.

Several of the municipalities reported their process on adopting tiers.

- Hampstead -** Administratively adopted tiers on December 18, 2012; changed the Town Code for minor subdivisions to 7.
- Manchester -** Adopted tier map at the December 2012 Town Council meeting; no change to the number of lots.
- Taneytown -** Administratively adopted tiers on December 31, 2012; no change to the number of lots.

New Windsor - Administratively adopted tier map in November 2012; received a letter from the State accepting changes.
Sykesville - No update
Mount Airy - No update
Union Bridge - No update

Update – HB 987 – Stormwater Fee

Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) will be meeting with the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on January 24th to review their 2012 accomplishments and to get approval of their proposed 2013 work plan. If the BCC has no objection to the 2013 work plan, they will move forward with the additional members for the Stormwater Fee Advisory Group (SW Fee AG) and scheduling the first meeting.

Brenda reported that the EAC will act as the SW Fee AG, with the addition of Ted Zaleski, Rob Burk, Roberta Windham, two members from municipalities, two from the Chamber of Commerce, and one from the Farm Bureau.

Brenda is preparing an initial draft report that will provide background information on the requirements, what is already being done, costs, and questions for the Advisory Group members to answer to guide their discussions. Brenda will incorporate what was discussed as the Advisory Group's finding. Ultimately, the report will turn into the Advisory Group's final report to the BCC.

Tom was asked to draft legislation to exempt counties that already fund their programs from collecting a stormwater fee. The delegation was supportive of this legislation. However, this does not mean that it will pass the General Assembly.

There were some concerns on the collection of the stormwater fee for the municipalities if the legislation would go through and the County didn't implement a fee. One option, which was previously discussed, was the possibility that the County could collect the fee for the municipalities to be used for their projects. It was pointed out that, even if the legislation passed, the County would still be doing stormwater projects; the funding would just be from general revenues rather than a fee.

Update WIP

MDE has planned the following meetings and webinars:

Winter	November Webinar - Local Participation Involvement
Spring	Regional Meetings
Summer	Meeting with Individual Counties/WIP Teams
Fall	Regional Meetings or Webinars

MDE has also set-up a Technical Work Group that Tom and Brenda will be participating in. The first meeting, Bay Model 101, will be on January 23.

Tom and Brenda will also be participating in Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) WIP Technical Work Group.

Other

Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is working on a mid-point assessment between now and 2017.

Environmental Protection Agency is working on a cost study; updates will be given when we know more about the study.

Brenda informed everyone about information on the County's web site under Department of Land Use, Planning and Development. There is information on Federal and State initiatives that are planning and environmental related issues that the County was involved in and any action taken

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2013 at 2:30 in Room 105.