

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

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WRCC/Guidance Team Work Session Summary March 27, 2013

Attendees:

Gale Engles	Brenda Dinne	Steve Miller	Andrea Gerhard
Jim Wieprecht	Frank Schaeffer	Dan Riley	Kate Heilman
Marge Wolf	Glenn Edwards	Byron Madigan	
Perry Jones	Leigh Broderick	Dawn Ashbacher	

The meeting was called to order by Frank Schaeffer.

Minutes from the March 27th meeting were approved as written.

Frank said he would like to have an educational item on the agenda each month. He asked everyone to let him know if there is a topic they would like to have more information on added to future agendas.

Update Water & Sewer Plan

A courtesy draft was sent to Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) in December, 2012. Comments were received 3 months later. The County has been going back and forth with MDE to address their comments, as they are now asking for something different than our understanding of what they asked for previously. Andrea will be scheduling a meeting with MDE. She will contact the municipalities for any concerns in their jurisdictions.

Stormwater Fee Advisory Group (SWFAG) (HB987)

Jim Wieprecht volunteered to fill the vacant position representing the municipalities/WRCC on the SWFAG. Jim reported on the discussion at the last meeting regarding the rate structure. The rate structure must be determined before scenarios for a potential fee can be identified. Brenda Dinne reported that exemptions were discussed, but no specific initial directions decided yet. The residential rate structure will be discussed at the next meeting, with the SWFAG anticipated to reach consensus on initial exemptions to include.

Gale Engles let everyone know a tour of the stormwater facilities has been planned for the SWFAG, and anyone on the WRCC is welcomed to attend. Brenda will be sending out details to everyone; if you are interested in attending let her know.

MDE Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Data Update

Brenda gave out copies of the Harry Hughes Agro-Ecology Center Winter 2013 Newsletter. The newsletter summarizes where we are with the WIP process and could be a good informational item for your Councils and others. She will also e-mail the newsletter in a PDF file.

The WIP Regional Spring Meetings have been scheduled. County staff will be attending the meeting for our region to be held in Howard County on April 25. Topics of the meeting will include implementation, funding, and next steps. Brenda encouraged everyone to attend to assist the Council in making a decision on our participation with the next steps for local WIP teams. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome to ride with County staff.

Growth Offset – SB 236 (“Septic Bill”) required Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to develop a growth offsets program for Tier 3 areas. They were granted a one year extension to complete a growth offset program for all areas of the state. A work group was formed to hash through the issues. The work group is expected to have its final recommendations complete in June. MDE will then draft the regulation and move through the process to have it adopted by January 2014.

Legislative Update

Brenda Dinne gave updates on the following legislation:

House Bill 106 (Senate Bill 391) – Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 – Repeal
[Status: Unfavorable Committee Report](#)

House Bill 252 – State Development Plan – Repeal
[Status: Unfavorable Committee Report](#)

House Bill 409 (Senate Bill 443) – Land Use – Local Governments – Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Cycles
[Status: Unfavorable Committee Report on SB 443; Awaiting Senate Committee Hearing on HB 409 – Date TBD](#)

[Status: Unfavorable Committee Report on SB 443; Awaiting Senate Committee Hearing on HB 409 – Date TBD](#)
[Status: Awaiting Senate Committee Hearing 4/2](#)

House Bill 569 – Environment – Wastewater Treatment Facilities – Financial Assistance Study
[Status: Awaiting Senate Committee Report](#)

House Bill 694 – Environment – Stormwater Management – Exemption from Watershed Protection and Restoration Program
[Status: Awaiting Committee Report](#)

House Bill 706 – Natural Resources – Forest Preservation Act of 2013
[Status: Awaiting Senate Committee Hearing 4/2](#)

House Bill 1208 – Bay Restoration fee – Exemption – On-Site Sewage Disposal System Using Best Available Technology
[Status: Unfavorable Committee Report](#)

House Bill 1257 – Land Use – Clarifications and Corrections
[Status: Awaiting Senate Committee Hearing 4/2](#)

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[Status: Unfavorable Committee Report](#)

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Senate Bill 575 – Environment – Clean Water Act Fund – Annual Report
[Status: Awaiting House Committee Hearing 4/3](#)

Senate Bill 671 – Land Use – Local Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Cycle
[Status: Favorable Report from Senate Committee; Awaiting House Committee Hearing](#)

Senate Bill 979 – Environment – Watershed Implementation Plan – Conowingo Dam Environmental Assessment
[Status: Unfavorable Committee Report](#)

Attached is a summary of each of the above proposed bills.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2013 at 2:30 in Room 105.