

# Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

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## WRCC/Guidance Team Work Session Summary April 24, 2013

### Attendees:

Gale Engles	Brenda Dinne	Steve Miller	Brad Plante
Jim Wieprecht	Frank Schaeffer	Byron Madigan	Joe Barrington
Marge Wolf	Glenn Edwards	Dawn Ashbacher	Dan Riley
Ken Donavon	Ed Singer	Jeff Glass	
Monika Weierbach	Rose Mann	Tom Devilbiss	

The meeting was called to order by Frank Schaeffer at 2:35.

Minutes from the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as written.

### Stormwater Municipal Issue

**Stormwater Mangement Facility Tour** – Gale Engles, Bureau of Resource Management will be hosting a tour of several stormwater management facilities under construction, already completed and some future facility sites. Members of the Stormwater Fee Advisory Group (SWFAG), Water Resource Coordination Council and County staff were invited to attend. The tour will be on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 – 2:00.

### Stormwater Fee Advisory Group (HB987)

Tom said the County had submitted legislation to try to get an exemption from the stormwater fee. We are currently funding this effort through our capital budget process. After many discussions with the legislature the bill did not make it through even after it was tagged onto another bill. Staff will move forward with determining a rate structure and fee in order to make recommendations to the Commissioners.

Brenda Dinne has been heading the SWFAG with Jim Wieprecht and Jeff Glass representing the WRCC. Brenda said the group has been discussing the rate structure for the fee. The following is a consensus of the group on residential and commercial structures and exemptions.

1. Preliminary fee structure for single family homes will be divides into tiers 3 categories depending square footage of the dwelling. Each category will have a range of square footage; everyone in that category would pay the same fee.
2. Commercial/industrial will be determined by measuring the impervious and determining the amount of units on the property and multiply by the rate.
3. The only exemption discussed at this point was for the agricultural portion of a property that has an approved Soil Conservation Plan. The residential portion of the property including one acre of land around the house would not be exempt.

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4. The Bill (HB987) exempts properties of the State, Counties, municipalities and volunteer fire departments from the stormwater fee.

These are preliminary rate structures that can change before the committee submits the final report. Brenda is working on various scenarios for the fee and associated cost, including administration of the fee jointly or separately.

Tom Devilbiss suggested a meeting between the Board of County Commissioners and the Mayors to discuss whether they want to implement the stormwater fee jointly or separately. Tom will contact Steve Powell about scheduling time for the meeting. The municipalities will discuss with their elected officials.

There was concern about public education on the stormwater fee. Brenda said there was some on the web site but has not had time to work on anything else. Dawn Ashbacher volunteered to check with the Community Media Center (CMC) to see what they could do in assisting with educating the public on the stormwater fee.

### **NPDES – Municipal Issues**

**MDE Opinion** – Gale Engles sent a letter to Brian Clevenger (MDE) inquiring about MS4 permit outfall inspections and monitoring for illicit discharges on private property with non-municipal storm drain systems. The response was yes; we should be monitoring and inspecting per Chapter 105. If an illicit discharge is reported or detected we would work with the property owner to rectify before connecting MDE. Any illicit discharge from facilities with MS4 Permits issued by the State will be referred to the State.

**Survey - NPDES Report Questionnaire** - Glenn asked for any recommendations on changes or additions to the town questionnaire that Rose will be sending out. No one had a problem with the existing questionnaire.

**Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)** - Glen Edwards said he would work closely with the municipalities and their businesses on any illicit discharge within the jurisdictions in order to resolve the issue.

**Open Discussion** - Frank asked if anyone had any issues with water supply issues. Monika said Mount Airy is under a consent order and are trying to change their baseline number due to the decline in their water usage. They are drafting a letter to MDE requesting approval of a lower base number. Jeff said the Westminster had the same issue and MDE is having them update Water Management Capacity Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45.

**The next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2013 at 2:30 in Room 105.**