

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

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WRCC/Guidance Team Work Session Summary May 22, 2013

Attendees:

Gale Engles	Brenda Dinne	Steve Miller	Rose Mann
Jim Wieprecht	Frank Schaeffer	Dawn Ashbacher	Kate Heilman
Marge Wolf	Glenn Edwards	Jeff Glass	Anna Armstrong
Monika Weierbach	Ed Singer	Tom Devilbiss	Sheree Lima

The meeting was called to order by Frank Schaeffer at 2:30.

Minutes from the April 24th meeting were approved as written.

Impervious Cover Layer

Gale Engles gave out maps to each municipality showing treated and untreated impervious areas. She said that the impervious cover layer was not yet complete for all of the municipalities. She used the City of Westminster's map as an example of what they would look like and pointed out critical areas and opportunities for future projects. She will be sending out electronic copies to the municipalities as requested by Dawn Ashbacher. She asked that each municipality look at its map and identify critical areas where the County can work with the municipality to do projects and also to be sure each is in agreement with its map. Tom Devilbiss said the maps will be used as a basis for determining untreated NPDES impervious areas. Brenda Dinne added that the maps will also be provided to MDE as soon as they are done to update the data in the Bay model.

Tom indicated that the green areas indicated where the area may be eligible for credits, and that the red areas may be able to turn green once retrofits were complete.

Update - Stormwater Fee

Brenda Dinne went over the rate structure developed by the Advisory Group. She worked on developing potential fee scenarios, assuming the rate structure was applied countywide. However, she will work on developing potential fee scenarios for individual municipalities that could be used in the event the Board does not adopt a fee or the municipalities want to set their own individual fees. The projected costs of capital projects to comply with the anticipated Phase II NPDES requirements will be used, along with any capital funds already budgeted by a municipality, in the calculations of fee scenarios.

Tom Devilbiss and Brenda Dinne will be meeting with the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on May 28 to discuss some of the options and legal considerations. Based on their discussions to this point, the Advisory Group was likely to recommend a rate structure that would be applied countywide fee. The BCC will make the final decision on what the County will do. Tom said he would stress the importance of the County and municipalities supporting each other. The majority of the municipalities stated that they would need to collect a

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fee to pay for projected costs of capital projects for NPDES compliance. Tom has recommended that the BCC meet with the Mayors before making any final decision.

Brenda gave out copies of a chart showing the status of the stormwater fee in other counties that are required to implement it. There was a discussion on the great variations between the counties. The fees collected by most of these counties are to cover more than the cost of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) compliance; they include administrative, operating, and Watershed Implementation Plan cost as well.

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) chapter meeting will be on June 17, and they would like to have Frederick and Carroll County give a 5 – 10 minute update on the stormwater fee. Dawn Ashbacher said the MML meeting would be a good forum to give a brief update and talk about getting the mayors together prior to meeting with the BCC. Dawn suggested the MML meeting should be followed by a meeting to get just the mayors together before meeting with the Board to be sure they are all on the same page.

Dawn spoke to the media center about public education piece and was told they would need to develop a script and photo shoots, which would take a lot of time and work. Marge brought up the fact that MDE might already have some information and possibly videos.

NPDES Proposal – Report Geodatabase

MDE is developing a new digital format for the annual NPDES report that is scheduled to be implemented for the 2014 report. Glenn, Tom, and Gale attended a presentation at MDE on the new format. Glenn distributed copies of the information given out at that meeting, “Maryland Department of the Environment, NPDES Geodatabase Design and Guide.” He indicated that a benefit of the new all-digital format was that it would provide a consistent format for all Phase I jurisdictions to provide their data, as well as to make the data easier to pass along to the Chesapeake Bay Program. However, ht felt that this format would likely create a good deal more work, and Tom added that it would also make it easier for MDE to evaluate compliance with the permit.

Open Discussion - Frank cancelled the June WRCC Meeting because of the conflict with the Maryland Municipal League meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

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