

# Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

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

### Attendees:

Gale Engles	Brenda Dinne	Steve Miller	Rose Mann
Jim Wieprecht	Frank Schaeffer	Dawn Ashbacher	Byron Madigan
Marge Wolf	Ed Singer	Tom Devilbiss	Perry Jones
Janet O'Meara	Ken Donovan	Joe Barrington	Brad Plante

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

Minutes from the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved as written.

Frank Schaeffer started the meeting by telling about a meeting between the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and municipalities. Attending the meeting were the Mayors, Commissioners Doug Howard and Haven Shoemaker. The topic of discussion was the impact, on the municipalities, of BCC resolutions related to the Stormwater Fee.

He also reported the municipalities held another meeting on the Stormwater Fee on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Tom Devilbiss was invited to that meeting and gave the Mayors background information so they would have a better understanding of the fee. Mayor Nevin will be coordinating a meeting between the BCC and Mayors.

Copies of the 2013 NPDES Annual Report were distributed to the municipalities that were present and the remainder will be mailed out. The report was sent electronically on the due date July 15 and paper copies to follow. Part III, C. Source Identification, 5. Phase II NPDES MS4 Compliance section of the report covers compliance issues for Phase II jurisdictions. Educational booths will be at the 4H Fair this week and Liberty Reservoir Day on Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup> in support of the public education and outreach portion of the permit.

### Update - Stormwater Fee

Brenda handed out copies of the stormwater fee law (Maryland Legislature, Statute Text, Article Environment, §4-202.1) for reference. She had sent out two draft tables the first titled Estimated Rates and Revenues, using various scenarios, and the other an Estimated Rates Per Impervious Unit, broken out by jurisdiction. Tom explained that the charge of the Stormwater Group was to create a structure; not to develop cost and fee. The cost of fees and projects was developed in house by county staff. The numbers in the tables are very preliminary and do not include everything i.e. credits appeals etc. Brenda went over each table and distributed a handout that showed the formula used to determine the cost.

Brenda gave out pie charts of each individual municipality that showed their projected annual costs for stormwater projects in FY13 – FY18. She went over the charts and explained each stormwater category and how the cost was determined. The pie charts did not include Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) costs. She

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offered to come to any of the municipalities to go over their numbers in more detail and answer any questions they may have.

### **Accounting for Growth Update**

The Accounting for Growth (Growth Offsets) is a commitment that Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) made to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the Chesapeake Bay's Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL's) which had a requirement to address future loads.

The State formed an Accounting for Growth workgroup to make recommendations related to a growth offset strategy (offset new development loads). The policy proposes to apply to alteration of land or structures that disturbs >5,000 sq. ft.; increases wastewater load or increases non-point source pollution from parcel. The only exception would be certain public works projects that have not yet been determined. Below is the final schedule:

- Work Group reviews draft report – July 26 – August 23, 2013
- AFG Report submitted to MDE by Work Group – August 9, 2013
- Regulation Development – August and September
- MDE briefs Bay Cabinet by end of August
- MDE briefs Committee in September
- Regulation publicized by December 31, 2013

Tom said as it stands no time for public review is planned before the regulations are drafted. Staff is going to recommend that some public process be added after the Work Group Report is completed and before regulations are drafted. The regulations are proposed to go into effect on December 31, 2014.

Brenda has been attending these meetings. She gave out the attached handout and led a discussion on the AFG draft recommendations.

### **Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP)**

Status Report 2013 Milestones - Brenda handed out a draft update on the 2013 Carroll County WIP milestones for everyone's review and comments. Tom requested everyone look over and send a response even if it was just that everything looks alright. The milestones are due to MDE on August 31.

State Requested One-on-One Meeting – State has requested a meeting with all the WIP teams from each County. Everyone agreed that the entire WRCC should be included in the meeting that will be scheduled sometime in September. MDE requested list of discussion points for the meeting ahead of time. WRCC will draft an agenda at the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Open Discussion** - Gale Engles announced that Byron Madigan has been promoted to the Water Resource Supervisor. He will be supervising two Water Resource Specialist and the Water Resource Technician.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

**The next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2013 at 2:30 in Room 105.**