

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

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WRCC Meeting Summary August 28, 2013

Attendees:

Gale Engles	Brenda Dinne	Steve Miller	Rose Mann
Jim Wieprecht	Frank Schaeffer	Monika Weierbach	Byron Madigan
Marge Wolf	Ed Singer	Tom Devilbiss	Perry Jones
Ted Zeleski	Ken Donovan	Joe Barrington	
Glenn Edwards	Sheree Lima	Brad Plante	

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

Minutes from the July 24nd meeting were approved as written.

Frank Schaeffer started the meeting with a discussion on the Commissioners' request for each municipality to provide information on its rate structure for water and sewer.

Quarterly Maryland WIP Meeting

Brenda Dinne handed out a draft agenda from Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for the summer 2013 Quarterly Maryland WIP Local Engagement meeting. State agency staff is holding one-on-one meetings with local jurisdictions. Carroll County's meeting has been tentatively scheduled for September 23 during the regularly scheduled WRCC meeting. MDE requested we send any items we would like to have added to the agenda for discussion at the meeting to allow their staff to prepare requested information ahead of time. The WRCC identified several issues. Several members indicated that one agenda item to add would be clarification on how the model numbers for load allocations were derived and allocated, including a map linking acres to be treated to nutrient numbers. Brenda suggested asking what the implications of the midpoint assessment (2017) would be and if it would result in new targets and reductions. Under Barriers to Implementation, Frank requested that unrealistic expectations for implementation be included. A discussion of the baseline should be included under technical barriers, and the timeframe for implementation should be discussed under funding barriers. Jim Wieprecht suggested that staff review the letter sent with milestones November 2011 and a letter to EPA in June 2012 to see if we still needed responses to unanswered questions to help identify any additional issues to discuss.

A final agenda will be requested before the meeting so the committee will be prepared for the discussion.

Brenda said there was a three-day MAST Training session on September 10, 11, & 12 (Webinar). She will be sending the link to everyone if they are interested in viewing.

Stormwater Retrofits – County/Municipal Cost Share – Impervious Surface

To serve as the lead intergovernmental agency for water resource planning, development and protection.

Tom was told the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) wants to work with the municipalities on the stormwater fee. He was asked to have the Water Resource Coordination Council (WRCC) provide a conceptual plan for how the County and municipalities could work together to address this issue for the municipalities in preparation for a joint meeting of the Mayors and BCC. He was also told the meeting would take place sometime in September but a definite date has not yet been set. Frank didn't feel that the WRCC would have enough time to provide a conceptual plan if the meeting was held in September.

Ted Zaleski, Director of Management and Budget for the County, spoke about funding for the stormwater fee. He stated at the present time there is no fee adopted and no plan for future fee adoption. The capital budget includes funding for the stormwater retrofits needed to address our current NPDES MS4 permit. However, there are no additional funds budgeted to assist the municipalities at this time. Funds could only be available by identifying new sources or by the BCC taking funds from something else.

Marge Wolf stated that the towns would be paying a double fee since the County collects property taxes in the municipalities. Ted said 17% of the property tax money collected in the municipalities was given back through the Town/County Agreement.

Frank gave out three tables titled Assessable Base, Untreated Impervious Area, and NPDES Compliance Cost that could be used to discuss various options to jointly address funding the municipal projects/requirements. Marge had Brenda compile a draft Stormwater Remediation Fee Evaluation table that estimated the fee for each municipality.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2013 at 2:30 in Room 105.