

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

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WRCC Meeting Summary January 22, 2014

Attendees:

Gale Engles	Brenda Dinne	Steve Miller	Rose Mann
Jim Wieprecht	Frank Schaeffer	Tom Devilbiss	Sean Hartman
Marge Wolf	Dawn Ashbacher	Sheree Lima	Jeff Castonguay
Glenn Edwards	Jeff Glass		

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

Minutes from the December 4th meeting were approved as written.

Frank Schaeffer sent comments on the Proposed Water Appropriation Permit Regulations (Brinkley Bill) to Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) but has not received any response.

Updates

Accounting for Growth: MDE briefed the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee on January 14 on the proposed regulations. MDE indicated it would not release draft regulations prior to the conclusion of the 2014 session. Two issues, the baseline and the possibility of including phosphorus in addition to nitrogen, are the sticking points of the proposed regulation.

Legislative Updates:

Stormwater Fee - Several bills have been introduced related to the stormwater fee:

- Repeal of the stormwater fee
- Exempt certain counties from the fee
- Require certain percentages of fee reduction for certain practices
- Prohibit fees from exceeding certain amounts related to taxes
- Define impervious surface or change its definition
- Place a moratorium on enforcement until July 1, 2015
- Exempt any county if program is adequately funded (resubmitted from last year)

Brenda said the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate stated that they would not allow repeal of the bill. However, they wanted to see the issue of non-profits addressed.

Bay Restoration Fund (BRF) – A couple bills would expand uses of BRF funds:

- Allow BRF money to be used to pay for septic connections outside priority funding areas (PFAs)
- Allow BRF money to be used by Health Department for a portion of the BAT regulations administrative costs. (The Health Department is supporting both these bills.)
- Exempt BAT septic systems from having to pay the annual Bay Restoration Fee.

PlanMaryland – A bill to repeal PlanMaryland was also introduced but will probably not go anywhere.

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

Legislative Schedule:

Bills can be introduced in the House through early February and through end of January for the Senate. The deadline for crossover from one house to the other is March 24.

Proposed Septic System Regulations:

MDE proposed modifications to on-site septic system regulations that will mainly impact development on commercial/industrial property on private septic. The BCC sent a letter to MDE regarding proposed regulations and requesting modification to the regulations and consideration of re-advertising for a public hearing. The new regulations would greatly increase the size requirement for septic drainage areas.

12SW Permit

On December 20th, 2013 Glen Edwards, Tom Devilbiss, Larry Bloom, and Jeff Glass attended a meeting/workshop at MDE to get an overview of the next generation stormwater permit. Glen distributed a print out of MDE's web page for the General Discharge Permit #12SW (general permit for stormwater discharges associated with industrial activities). Glenn said anyone having a permit or no exposure certificate would need to re-evaluate to determine if they qualify for a no-exposure, termination, or need to file a Notice of Intent (NOI) application for coverage under the new permit. Tom said that no exposures needed to be signed and certified by an engineer and that the County would not be able to perform that service for the municipalities. The submittal needs to be made by June 30th, 2014. Glenn also offered to give an overview to the business community if the municipalities would like to arrange a workshop. Handouts were given to each municipality that listed any NPDES Industrial permit and types registered within their zip code.

The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) has commitments for periodic inspections and an annual evaluation of the facility. Tom stressed the importance of performing these inspections. When MDE and/or EPA do their inspections they will request to see the inspection reports. Fines can be levied for lack of proper inspection documentation. Glenn offered his assistance to the municipalities assessments of SWPPP and applications as needed.

WIP 2012 – 2013 Milestone Status Update Report

Brenda handed out two (2) draft tables: 1) Carroll County 2012 – 2013 Programmatic Milestones Status Update and 2) Carroll County 2014 – 2015 Programmatic Milestones. She sent the draft status update and new milestones out last week for everyone to review before today's meeting. Both are due to MDE by the end of January. The 2014 – 2015 Milestones are the same as the 2012 – 2013 with completed items removed. Any new projects should be reported to Brenda so they can be added.

Stormwater Fee Status

The town managers are working on a detailed proposal for cost sharing of stormwater management projects for the Mayors to present to the BCC. They are looking at cost share options and how projects and funds might be distributed – equal shares, impervious acres or accessible base – and implemented. Gale Engles prepared an updated projects list to assist the municipalities with cost estimates. Gale urged everyone to use the per acre cost as opposed to the individual project cost because projects can change for various reasons. A meeting with MDE, County, and municipal staff has been scheduled for January 29. The possibility of co-permitting is one of the items to be discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2013 at 2:30 in Room 105.