

# Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

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Carroll County Health Department



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## WRCC Meeting Summary December 3, 2014

### **Attendees:**

Frank Schaeffer	Perry Jones	Tom Devilbiss	Ed Singer
Dawn Ashbacher	Monika Weierbach	Brenda Dinne	Dick Swanson
Rose Mann	Jim Wieprecht	Steve Miller	Byron Madigan
Janet O'Meara	Gale Engles	Tammi Ledley	Jeff Glass
Sean Hartman	Theresa Amos	Sheree Lima	Glenn Edwards

The meeting was called to order by Frank Schaeffer at 2:30 at the Carroll County Agricultural Center.

October 22, 2014, minutes were approved as written.

### **Joint Position – FY 17**

Tom said a new position for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) compliance, similar to the current NPDES Specialist (Glenn Edwards) will be requested in the FY 17 budget (July 2016). If everyone was in agreement, the cost for this would be shared between the County and municipalities; just as the current position is.

### **2015 NPDES Educational Effort**

Tom said the Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) provides advice and takes direction from the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on environmental issues. Brenda said the EAC is working on their 2015 work plan to be presented to the BCC in January or February for their concurrence. One of the EAC's main roles is public education and outreach, which is a large component in the NPDES MS4 Permit requirements. Brenda and Glenn will work with the EAC to develop a workshop for the commercial and industrial business community in Carroll County in response to related requirements in the permit. Brenda gave out copies of a Scope of Work for the workshop, which is to be held in 2015. Glenn said they wanted to focus on the commercial and industrial community because the majority of illicit discharge issues between 2010 and 2014 are associated with this sector. The purpose of the workshop will be to partner with businesses to raise awareness of MS4 requirements and activities, and practices businesses can engage in to prevent illicit discharges. Tom asked the municipalities for their assistance in getting the word out to their local businesses. Brenda asked everyone to review and send her any comments on the Scope of Work before Friday, December 5.

Glenn gave out a pamphlet he developed on stormwater pollution prevention for restaurants and food service industry; Good Housekeeping Best Management Practices (BMP's) for Cleaner Waterways. Glenn said he had more pamphlets available for anyone that wanted to distribute to their local businesses.

### **Commissioner Rothschild Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Addendum**

Copies of the addendum of the MOA were distributed to the municipalities for their review. Steve Miller suggested it be sent to AquaLaw to review and provide opinion on the impact of including this additional language in the MOA; everyone agreed.

### **Process to Request Joint Permit**

A copy of the draft joint permit was given out for everyone to review. Tom said the municipalities were included on the draft permit without his knowledge. He had requested the municipalities not be put on the permit until participation was affirmed. Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is to have the permit sent out for final determination no later than December 15 and issued by the end of the year. Carroll County will not get a copy of the final permit until it is advertised. Municipalities can still have their names removed before the permit is issued, but need to contact MDE by the end of this week. Once the permit is issued, any recourse we want to take will be through a formal legal process.

Glenn Edwards summarized a comparison of the major differences between the draft Phase I and the current Phase II permits. Tom said Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reviewed the current permit and added more stringent items in the new permit. The major requirements in the new Phase II will be identical to the County's Phase I. The new Phase II permits will also be five-year permits, identical to the County.

### **November 17 WIP Workshop**

Brenda Dinne, Frank Schaeffer and Jim Wieprecht attended the November 17 regional WIP workshop in Frederick. Brenda summarized the following items that were discussed:

- An overview of the 2015 milestone commitments was given.
- Historical data clean-up is being done so more accurate information is going into the watershed model before they re-run it in 2017. Any additional data needs to be submitted by May 29, 2015, to be included in the update of the Bay model for the Midpoint Assessment. The baseline year is 2009. Online geo-database for reporting BMP's in projects is to be released soon. Data will need to be added within one year of the release.
- MDE is working with the local Health Departments on BMP tracking and developing an online data base for septics. It was noted at the workshop that Carroll County is one of four counties that providing 95 – 100% accurate data.
- MDE is working on BMP verification procedures that will be sent to EPA in July 2015 and should be fully implemented by 2018.
- The Lower Susquehanna River Watershed Association released a draft report on November 13 regarding how to address sediment behind the Conowingo Dam; comments due on draft report in January.
- Draft regulation on nutrient trading are expected to be released by MDA and adopted by the end of 2014. Still working on the cross sector trading. The Accounting for Growth policy and regulations have been dormant, as issues related to baseline and applicable pollutants are still unresolved.
- Local two-year milestones interim status reports are due to MDE by the end of January. Annual BMP progress submittal due the end of September. Milestones for 2016/2017 are due at the end of January 2016.
- Creation of the Ag Certainty Program is well underway. It's designed to provide a reprieve from any new regulations for the next 10 years if they meet or exceed the load requirements.
- MDA was required to develop a Phosphorus Management Tool, which would replace the risk assessment tool to mitigate phosphorus loss. Proposed regulations were released on Monday, December 1. An Economic Impact Report on the implementation of the Phosphorus Management Tool was released on November 14, 2014.
- Grants and funding opportunities were discussed in the afternoon session of the workshop.

**Grants** – Theresa Amoss, Grants Analyst, Bureau of Resource Management

Theresa said most of the grant applications for smaller projects, such as tree plantings and bio-retention, have been to the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Grant opportunities for smaller projects are available through the following organizations:

**National Fish & Wildlife Foundation****Chesapeake Bay Trust**

- Outreach & Restoration
- Watershed Assistance
- Green Streets
- Non-tidal Wetlands

**DNR**

- Chesapeake Atlantic Coastal Bays

**SHA**

- Transportation Alternatives Program

The grant process is pretty complicated, and she offered her assistance with any grant applications or other questions they may have on the grant process. Gale said granting organizations looked favorably on applications if several partners apply for the grant together. Gale felt co-partnering on grants was the best way to go but offered assistance with any grant applications whatever options they chose.

Rose will be contacting Sadie Drescher with the Chesapeake Bay Trust to request a presentation to the WRCC in January or February on project funding opportunities through grants.

**Maryland Municipal Stormwater Association (MAMSA) Update – November 13 Meeting**

MAMSA is a group of Phase I & Phase II jurisdictions and consultants in Maryland with AquaLaw as the coordinator and facilitator of the group. The group meets quarterly and provides updates to NPDES-related issues; law suits, permitting, etc. Tom said Carroll County is a member, and he will send out information on the group for everyone to review for discussion at a later date.

**Town Project Status**

Gale Engles said the fall tree plantings are in the City of Westminster, Hampstead, Manchester, Rescue Mission are all complete with the Bollinger Park in Taneytown planting near completion. She gave an update on the following municipal projects she is currently working on:

**Langdon Property** - Two conceptual plans submitted on November 24. SWM comments submitted to CLSI on November 26; still waiting on comments from Soil Conservation. The City is working on the “First Right of Refusal” with their attorney.

**Manchester Skate Park** – Met with Town of Manchester on project, waiting on response from State Highway Administration (SHA) on filling within their right-a-way in order for CLSI to move forward with Option #5. Project is planned to be submitted for TAP funding in April.

**Blue Ridge Manor** – Met with Frank Schaeffer on existing facility at Clauser Court. Will look at facility on Graybill Court to see if the drainage to the facility can be diverted to the Clauser Court facility. Community meeting will be held after the holidays. Facility will be cleaned out so engineering can be started in the spring 2015.

Shannon Run/Hawks Ridge Section

Project is under evaluation by staff. A meeting with the Town will be scheduled to discuss the potential project in the next several weeks.

Municipal Tree Plantings –Gale said there is still money remaining from the DNR grant for tree plantings and urged the municipalities to get with her with any possible planting sites.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50.

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