

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

Hampstead * Manchester * Mt. Airy * New Windsor
Carroll County Health Department



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Carroll County Government

WRCC Meeting Summary March 23, 2016

Attendees:

Frank Schaeffer	Dawn Ashbacher	Tom Devilbiss	Kelly Martin
Steven Miller	Jim Wieprecht	Gale Engles	Andrea Gerhard
Christy Collins	Perry Jones	Janet O'Meara	Jeff Castonguay
Monika Weierbach	Marge Wolf	Glenn Edwards	
Dick Swanson	Richard Brace	Brenda Dinne	

Opening Statement

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

The February 24, 2016 meeting summary was approved as written on motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jones, and carried.

Hampstead Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Jeff Castonguay

Jeff Castonguay, Bureau of Utilities, provided a brief history of the Hampstead Wastewater Treatment Plant, including a discussion of the 1990s lawsuit which led to the current draft Consent Judgement issued in 2004. He outlined the Enhanced Nutrient Reduction (ENR) Upgrade project for the facility, explaining the temperature mitigation actions taken by the County over the years. In cooperation with BTR and the City of Baltimore, the County will run a line to BTR and discharge to the Liberty Reservoir Watershed (Deep Run - Use I Stream) in addition to maintaining a discharge to the Loch Raven Reservoir Watershed (Piney Run - Use III Stream). This reduces the TMDL loads in both Loch Raven and Liberty. Mr. Castonguay explained that County Water and Sewer Master Plan amendments were processed to address this change to the Hampstead Sewer Service Area. He noted that an Information Meeting has been scheduled by MDE for March 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Legislative Update – Brenda Dinne

Brenda Dinne distributed a handout detailing the status of proposed environmental legislation related to water quality, stormwater fees, water and sewer, land use, and other bills of interest to the municipalities. She noted that none of the bills received a favorable report or crossed over, so they would not be moving forward.

Commercial/Industrial Survey Results – Glenn Edwards

Glenn Edwards distributed a summary of the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination preliminary visual survey results of commercial/industrial areas. He noted that there are 232 properties to be inspected over the course of the permit cycle. Seventy percent of these properties are within the County, and 30 percent are within the municipalities. Sixty-two properties (44 County, 18 municipal) were inspected this permit year. Mr. Edwards explained that there were 7 observations made, but no major issues. Staff will send public outreach packets to the owners and follow up in three months.

Update on Municipal Projects – Gale Engles

Gale Engles provided an update on the municipal restoration projects; a copy of that report is attached to this meeting summary.

Tom Devilbiss noted that Gale's staff has been working diligently on a grant application totaling \$4 million which will be brought before the Commissioners for approval tomorrow. All of the projects involved in the grant application are municipal projects.

Ms. Engles noted that the new Grants Analyst, Colleen Ensor, started two weeks ago and will be introduced at the next meeting.

Other:

Dick Swanson, Town of Mount Airy, asked whether the County and Towns would receive credit if the acreage mitigated in the five-year period exceeds what was mandated. Tom Devilbiss noted that excess acreage would be credited to the next permit cycle based on information staff received from MDE early in the permitting process.

Tom Devilbiss reported that a 98-page ruling had come down from the Court of Appeals regarding the challenge relating to the issuance of Montgomery County's permit. The ruling reinforced everything the County had hoped would be reinforced. The County continues to challenge some issues that were not a part of this case. A Stay was received to complete our restoration plans by the first of July.

Frank Schaeffer asked about this spring's groundwater situation.

Tom Devilbiss indicated everything charged up over the winter. He suggested that Sean Hartman provide an update at the next WRCC meeting.

Andrea Gerhard, Department of Planning, noted that they were beginning their 2016 Spring Water and Sewer Master Plan Amendment process. She asked that any amendments be reviewed with staff by the first week of April.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

TOWN PROJECT STATUS March 23, 2016

FUTURE PROJECTS:

New Windsor (Former Waste Water Treatment Plant location) – Preliminary survey work showed that the two (2) storm drains that we originally thought could connect to the new storm drain system, may be too low. We will be looking at this site on March 29 in the field to determine how to proceed.

***Robert's Mill (City of Taneytown)** – Borings are scheduled this week with Explosives Experts (\$3,800.00). Upon receipt of the results, BRM staff will prepare an RFP for engineering.

Twin Ridge (Mt. Airy – Frederick County Side) – Waiting for the Town to schedule meeting with MDE to discuss the dam safety issues prior to proceeding with this project.

***Union Bridge Project** – At this time we will be consulting with the Town of Union Bridge to submit the project on Locust Street for the DNR grant.

RFP:

Eden Farm (Willow Ponds) –The proposals for engineering on this project were received and are awaiting approval. Once approval has been received, a Notice to Proceed will be issued to the contractor and BRM staff will meet with the contractor to discuss the next steps.

CONCEPTUAL:

***Blue Ridge Manor (New Windsor)** – BRM is moving forward with the conceptual design of this retrofit and anticipates completion of the concept plan by the end of April.

***Merridale Gardens/Senior Center (Mt. Airy)** – Concept plan is due from CLSI April 16th and Eco-Science Professionals will be performing the wetland delineation (\$650.00). BRM will be scheduling a meeting with the surrounding property owners and will inform the Town of the date and time as soon as it is available.

***Shannon Run/Hawk Ridge Estates (Town of Sykesville)** – BRM staff are currently reviewing the concept plan submitted by CLSI. Comments should be sent back to CLSI by the end of March. BRM staff will be scheduling a meeting with the Town to discuss the concept plan. **BRM is awaiting a Support Letter from the Town for the DNR Grant.**

***Smalls Crossing/Savannah Estates (Hampstead)** – Conceptual plans were reviewed by BRM staff, discussed with the Town; with comments sent to EA last week. Soil Conservation approved the concept plan. BRM staff met with BGE to discuss relocation of the underground line with the preliminary estimated cost at \$15,000.00.

***Whispering Valley (Manchester)** –CLSI is on track to submitted the concept plan on March 30th. BRM will also be scheduling meetings with the surrounding property owners, SHA, and MDE/Dam Safety to discuss the project. BRM will inform the Town of the meeting with the surrounding property owners. We will be applying for TAP funding **next year** for this project.

PRELIMINARY:

FINAL:

***Langdon Property (City of Westminster)** – Final plans were submitted on March 18th and will be review by BRM with a copy forwarded to the City. We will be applying for TAP funding for this project (deadline May 16th). Notification of the TAP funding will not be made until September; therefore, projected construction date will be spring of 2017 if TAP funds are awarded. We are currently working with our Public Works Department relating to a disposal site near the maintenance center. **BRM is awaiting a Support Letter from the City for the DNR Grant.**

Manchester Skate Park (Town of Manchester) – BRM is currently preparing the Final Review Package to be submitted to SHA by April 15th. BRM needs State and Federal Permits, NOI, and all necessary SHA permits and right-of-way easements. We are anticipating a spring 2017 construction date.

TREE PLANTING PROJECTS:

PLANTING PHASE:

Municipal Tree Planting (Carroll County Tree Planting Phase III) – All tree plantings have been completed and are now in the three (3) year maintenance phase. Maintenance costs for the fall of 2016 and 2017 will be covered by County funds. Once the contractor is relieved of their responsibility, the municipalities will be responsible for maintenance.

City of Westminster – Trees were planted on 7.68 acres owned by the City of Westminster in November 2015. The County will fund the three (3) year maintenance ending in the fall of 2018 for \$13,866.30. Upon completion of the contractor's obligation, the City will be responsible for maintenance of the planting.

Town of New Windsor – Trees were planted on 2.2 acres owned by the Town of New Windsor in November 2015. The County will fund the three (3) year maintenance ending in the fall of 2018 for \$7,618.70. Upon completion of the contractor's obligation, the Town will be responsible for maintenance of the planting.