

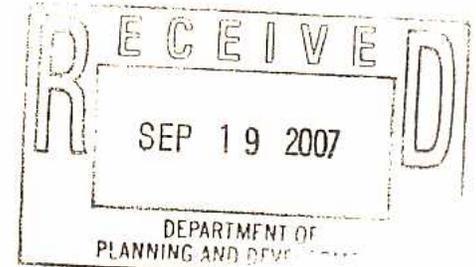
MDE**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

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The Honorable Julia W. Gouge, President
Board of County Commissioners
Carroll County, Maryland
County Office Building
Room 300
225 North Center Street
Westminster MD 21157



Dear Ms. Gouge:

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has completed its review of the 2007 Carroll County Water and Sewerage Plan (Plan). The Plan was adopted by the Carroll County Commissioners on March 1, 2007 by Resolution No. 694-07.

During MDE's initial review of the Plan, concerns arose regarding comprehensive plan consistency vis-à-vis the Plan, citizen interest in the County's desire to rely upon additional reservoirs as a part of its long-term water resource/supply planning program, and the need for the County to describe in the Plan its measures to protect not only its watersheds but also source water (See enclosed June 11, 2007 letter). For these reasons, the review period was extended until September 10, 2007.

During the extended review period, the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) subsequently advised MDE that the Plan is consistent with the Carroll County Comprehensive Plan (comments enclosed). MDP also provided MDE with a discussion on population projections and water service area issues that relate to future water demand and the adequacy of proposed water sources.

With regard to citizen interest regarding the proposed Union Mills Reservoir site, the Department has advised the interested parties that MDE has not made an evaluation of what options could best meet the future water supply needs of Carroll County, and that we are encouraging the County to thoroughly evaluate all options to best meet its water supply needs. We had further advised that MDE's Waste Management Administration is requiring the County to perform a study to assess the nature and extent of groundwater contamination from the John Owings Landfill, and that following completion of that assessment, the County will evaluate options for remediation of contaminated groundwater. (See enclosed July 2, 2007 and July 18, 2007 letters).

Finally, Secretary Wilson, through the enclosed May 30, 2007 letter, had outlined MDE's concerns and the need for follow-up discussions. Additionally, the enclosed comments were received from MDE's Water Supply and Compliance Programs. MDE's Water Supply Program (WSP) advised that the County would need to more fully describe in the Plan its measures to protect not only its watersheds but also source water. Please direct your representatives to contact our WSP at 410-537-3702 for further assistance. MDE's Compliance Program provided actual flow information on the municipal wastewater treatment plants and advised the County to consider this information for assessing actual flows to these plants.

Based on the foregoing letters and earlier discussions, the Plan is approved.

Thank you for giving MDE this review opportunity. This action completes MDE's review, as required by Section 9-507 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. If you need further assistance, please contact Virginia F. Kearney, Deputy Director at 410-537-3512, toll-free at 800-633-6101, by mail at 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21230 or by e-mail at vkearney@mde.state.md.us.

Sincerely,



Jay G. Sakai, Director
Water Management Administration

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Steven C. Horn, Director, Carroll County Department of Planning
Ms. La Verne Gray, MDP
Mr. Horacio Tablata, MDE, WAS
Mr. Dave Lyons, MDE, CP
Mr. Barry O'Brien, MDE, WSP

RESOLUTION NO. 094-07

(2007 Water and Sewerage Master Plan)

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Carroll County are required by Title 9, Subtitle 5 of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to review and revise the Carroll County, Maryland, Master Plan for Water and Sewerage; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2006 the Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission certified that the proposed Triennial Review is consistent with the appropriate comprehensive and master plans; and

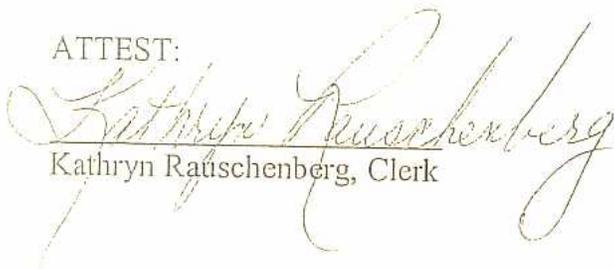
WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Carroll County conducted a public hearing, as duly advertised, on the 2006 Triennial Review on December 14, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Commissioners adopt the Master Plan for Water and Sewerage dated September 2006, as revised, this 1ST day of March 2007, and direct the Department of Planning to incorporate any and all changes on the maps and in the text which may be required.

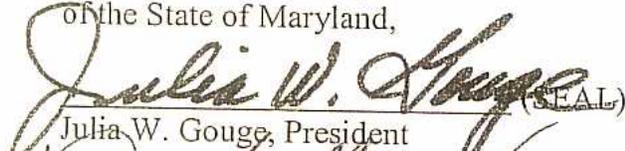
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall not be effective until the Triennial Review is approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Environment Article, Section 9-507.

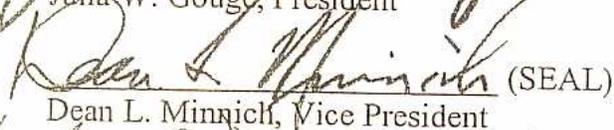
RESOLVED this 1ST day of March 2007.

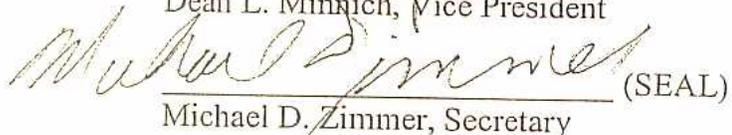
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Kathryn Rauschenberg, Clerk

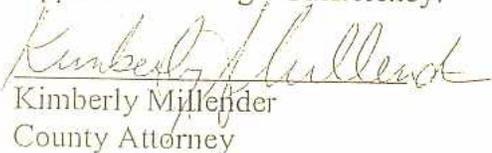
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A body corporate and politic
of the State of Maryland,

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August 15, 2006

The Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission hereby certifies that the proposed *Carroll County Master Plan for Water and Sewerage, 2006 Update* is consistent with the Carroll County Master Plan, as amended.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David L. Brauning".

David L. Brauning, Chairman
Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven C. Horn".

Steven C. Horn, Secretary
Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission

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