

Draft Water Resources Element

Preface

This plan document was a joint effort between Carroll County and its municipalities: Hampstead, Manchester, Mount Airy, New Windsor, Sykesville, Taneytown, Union Bridge, and Westminster. Coordination and review took place through the Water Resources Coordination Council. **The plan is based on the adopted comprehensive/land use plans, regulations, and policies in place in 2007 and 2008 (not on any proposals).** Upon adoption by each of these jurisdictions, it is intended to satisfy the requirements of House Bill 1141 (2006) to develop and adopt a Water Resources Element (WRE) of the comprehensive plan for each of these jurisdictions.

The entire plan document is intended to be applied to and adopted by each jurisdiction, with the exception of the “Overview by Municipal System.” Within this section, only the portion specific to an individual jurisdiction is intended to apply to and be adopted by that jurisdiction. If any jurisdiction chooses not to or fails to adopt this plan document, it does not invalid the document and/or adoption for the other jurisdictions.

The plan provides information and evaluation of the county’s water resources at the MDE 8-digit watershed level and a countywide assessment of nonpoint source issues. Strategies are offered on a countywide basis. Water supply and wastewater are also discussed for each individual municipal system that serves a designated growth area. Strategies that are specific to those systems and that reflect the unique characteristics and needs of those systems and communities are included in the individual municipal system sections. Strategies are intended to identify measures that could, and should, be taken by each jurisdiction to achieve the goals and intentions of this plan document. However, they do not require any jurisdiction to implement every strategy contained in the document.

The information and recommendations provided in this plan are supported by technical assessments conducted and reported in documents separate from, but as support to, the WRE plan document. The supporting reports, prepared by Malcolm Pirnie, are referenced for more detailed information than the summaries provided in this plan document. They are:

- Technical Memorandum, “Review of 1988 Water Resources Study,” dated March 26, 2009
- Report, *Carroll County Demands and Availability*, dated July 30, 2009
- Report, *Carroll County Wastewater Limitations*, dated May 29, 2009
- Report, *Carroll County Alternatives Evaluation*, dated September 28, 2009

The information contained within and addressed by this plan is based on the requirements of the legislation as interpreted by guidance presented within the Models and Guidelines (No. 26), The Water Resources Element: Planning for Water Supply and Wastewater and Stormwater Management. Additional guidance on information to be included and issues to be addressed was provided by Maryland Departments of Environment, Planning, and Natural Resources through a “Guidance Team” and the cooperative process undertaken to include these State agencies in the planning process.

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