

<p>Carroll County ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL Karen L. Merkle, Chair MINUTES Tuesday, June 12, 2007 @ 3:00 p.m. Room 003/004, Carroll County Office Building</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">Cynthia M. Parr Chief, Administrative Services 225 N Center Street, Room 300 Westminster, MD 21157-5194 Telephone: 410-386-2232 Fax: 410-386-2485 cparr@ccg.carr.org</p>
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Members Present: Karen Merkle, Chair
Robyn Gilden, Vice Chair
Brian Rhoten
Bob Foor-Hogue
Jim Johnson
David Pyatt
Christopher Spaur
Kim Petry

Members Absent: Sher Horosko

County Government: Cynthia Parr, County EAC Liaison
James E. Slater, Jr., Office of Environmental Compliance
Vinnie Legge, Bureau Chief, Solid Waste
Ann L. Baugher, Secretary to EAC

The Press: Carrie Knauer, Carroll County Times
Kelsey Volkmann, Baltimore Examiner

Other Attendees: Kurt Deery, Lehigh Cement
Bill Davidson, Montgomery County, Bureau of Solid Waste
Doug Martin, Carroll County resident
Bernice Ellenberger, Carroll County resident
Cody Saville, CLSI
Vince Campanella, Lehigh Cement
Gregor Becker, Sierra Club
Charles Zeleski, Carroll County Health Department
Brian Flynn, Carroll County Health Department
Herb Meade, MDE
Jim Richmond, MDE
Ellen Cutsail, Union Bridge Council

CALL TO ORDER - Ms. Merkle, Chair, officially called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M., welcoming all council members and guests. Ms. Merkle then asked for approval of the May 8, 2007, minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MOTION NO. 12-07: Motion was made by Bob Foor-Hogue, and seconded by Jim Johnson, to approve the May 8, 2007, minutes with the correction on Page 3, 4th paragraph from the top changing, “EAC” to “County”. Motion carried.

- COMMUNICATIONS** – Chair Merkle called the following items to the Council’s attention:
- May 9th e-mail regarding the Council’s motion to the Board of Commissioners regarding the Solid Waste Resource Assessment
 - May 11th e-mail from Cheryl Wilhelm thanking the EAC for this motion to the Board of Commissioners
 - May 18th e-mail from Frank Johnson regarding 2007 Maryland General Assembly’s consideration of environmental legislation

OPEN FORUM – Ms. Ellen Cutsail, Union Bridge Council Member, resident, former 4-H member and 4-H parent, asked the EAC for consideration in assisting the Carroll County 4-Hers in their “recycling” project. This fundraising project consists of collecting all sorts of paper and selling it to a recycling vendor with all profits to 4-H. Presently, there is only one paper collection drop off box, located at the Ag Center where all types of paper may be dropped off. Anyone allowing additional drop off site locations may call the 4-H extension office. Ms. Cutsail thanked the EAC for their assistance in getting the word out to benefit not only the 4-H program but the landfill as well.

Ms. Parr stated that something could be placed on Channel 24 Bulletin Board regarding this project and contact information for those who wish to participate.

- Mr. Doug Martin, Manchester resident, asked the EAC for any help they could give in an environmental concern that he has been actively trying to obtain assistance since October, 2006. Mr. Martin furnished pictures and a report on the devastation of land and pollution of Gunpowder Falls Stream regarding ATV usage in the area of Kern Road, Schalk Road # 1 and possibly Crossroad Schoolhouse Road, Manchester, MD 21102. Mr. Martin stated that ATVs have eroded the stream beds, riders routinely cross the stream, potentially contaminating it, and indicated the noise is well above the residential limits in Carroll County’s Noise Ordinance.

Mr. Jim Slater informed Mr. Martin enforcement of the hydrology of water courses code is difficult and he would need more information to proceed with this concern.

Mr. Bob Foor-Hogue offered to work with Mr. Slater on this and expressed concern that there is serious erosion of this Class 3 trout stream.

Ms. Merkle thanked Ms. Cutsail and Mr. Martin for attending and presenting their concerns for EAC consideration.

UNFINISHED OR ONGOING BUSINESS:
PRESENTATIONS

Waste Management: Pay Per Throw: Mr. Gene Hejmanowski, Environmental Director, Penn Township, Hanover, PA, was unavailable for this presentation due to a last minute personal emergency. His presentation would be rescheduled for August, 2007 since the July’s agenda is already planned.

Solid Waste Practices in Montgomery County, Maryland: Mr. Bill Davidson, Bureau of Solid Waste, Montgomery County, MD presented the Council with information on Montgomery County’s Solid Waste practices. He presented slides showing statistical data on waste sort composition, success in their solid waste programs and the importance of utilizing an Enterprise Fund where Revenues = Expenses not affecting the County’s General Fund bond rating. Montgomery County uses private contractors to collect curbside in excess of 84,000 homes in their mandatory recycling program with fines for violations, especially on the commercial side. Montgomery controls the hauler routes by regions, unlike Carroll where it is an open enterprise for all haulers Mr. Davidson shared “lessons learned” regarding preparing for contingencies, utilizing private organizations to pay for collection facilities, the need for getting a handle on waste flows, the importance of education to increase a realistic recycling rate, which Montgomery County currently recycles 41.7%; with 50% being a reasonable goal; and the growing importance of renewable energy to all. Mr. Davidson closed indicating their website had more detailed information for EAC use and offered his personal contact information for any further questions the Council may have along with Eileen Kao’s phone number (240-777-6406), Montgomery County’s expert on outreach.

- Ms. Vinnie Legge, Bureau of Solid Waste, Carroll County, spoke briefly on a 2005 Commercial Recycling report sent to the State of Maryland. Ms. Legge indicated that approximately 50% of waste generated in Carroll County is commercial and in response to a question by the EAC, indicated that the County does not regulate commercial waste management and unless voluntarily reported have no knowledge of the waste stream.. Yard waste has gone down approximately 30% since fees were imposed.

Mr. Davidson and Ms. Legge answered several Council member questions and concerns regarding the County's Waste management. Mr. David Pyatt stated that a change of behavior and education is apparent to the success of any Solid Waste program.

Ms. Merkle thanked Mr. Davidson for presenting information on solid waste management and Ms. Legge for updating the EAC on Carroll County Commercial Recycling.

Ms. Cindy Parr then briefed the Council on their May 8, 2007 motion to the Board of Commissioners. Only one bid was received for the Waste Resource Assessment. The Council questioned if this was the same as the "waste composition" study that Mr. Davidson described as being critical to getting a handle on the waste stream. Ms. Parr replied that it is not, but we might be able to include some of those elements in the assessment study. Ms Parr will advise the EAC via e-mail if the EAC should consider amending the motion from the May meeting.

Lehigh BioSolid Test Burn Report: Mr. Kurt Deery, Lehigh Cement, shared some of the monitoring results with the EAC from the six-month test burn, under a temporary permit period, ending July 31, 2007. Lehigh has consistently been under MDE's 3.85 pounds of nitrogen oxide per ton of release in the biosolid burning, with a 3.65 average. Lehigh is currently pursuing a long-term operating permit from MDE along with a County zoning change that would allow permanent on-site biosolid storage as an alternative fuel use. Mr. Deery will advise the EAC of their progress.

Chair Merkle thanked Mr. Deery for the report and advised him the Council would review this in July and forward their recommendation to the BOC.

Monthly Update regarding MTBE issues – CCHD – Mr. Brian Flynn presented changes to the Council's MTBE spreadsheet. .

- Gamber GW/Royal Farm - expect results the week of June 18, 2007
- Royal Farms – Bethal Road – CCHD will soon be testing properties without treatment
- 7-Eleven – Hampstead - several resident sampling to be done by 7-Eleven
- Grave Run – test results consistent with past levels
- Ted's Auto Body – case closed will be removed from list
- Little George's, Deer Park Road – Agreement reached, study being developed for actual cleanup
- Getty – 4 monitoring wells drilled: MW1 - highest levels, MW2 – no detect, MW3 high levels, and MW4 low levels. Drinking water is okay; additional monitoring well to be drilled
- Sullivan Trailer Park – Both wells over the Action Level of 20 ppb, CCHD in contact with MDE Water Supply, working on permanent solution

Mr. Herb Meade thanked the EAC for their patience in updating the website on MTBE cases due to backlog and staffing issues. Mr. Meade handed out an information sheet on Carroll County cases along with a brochure for Homeowners with Home Heating Oil Storage Tanks, developed by MDE and shared

with Mr. Jack Tevis of Tevis Oil. Mr. Meade indicated that when MDE responds to an emergency, these pamphlets are passed out. Additional copies may be obtained from their office.

Mr. Jim Richmond, MDE then showed a home heating oil slide presentation demonstrating statistics on 12 cases related or potentially related to home heating oil private underground storage tanks along with one private gasoline UST. Registration for USTs under 1,100 gallons is not required under COMAR 26.10.01.02-04. MDE advises removal or replacement of USTs at 20 years of age. There are 300,000 tanks in Maryland, of which 25% are underground and the remainder above ground. MDE does not suggest placing above ground tanks inside of homes. MDE will reimburse up to \$20,000 less the \$500 deductible to homeowners for contamination cleanup, excluding abandonment or removal costs. MDE works with residents to avoid violation fines but are more likely to impose fines commercially. Mr. Meade closed by stating that MDE has seen a drop in MTBE cases due to neighboring states banning MTBE in gasoline and look for a further drop in cases once the trucks have been totally cleaned of MTBE residuals.

Ms. Merkle thanked Messrs. Meade, Richmond & Flynn for their MTBE and UST presentations.

COMMITTEE/WORK TEAM REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Water Conservation Committee update – Ms. Robyn Gilden reported the group met on June 5, 2007, @ Carroll Community College. A draft matrix of topics for inclusion in the plan is being prepared with a four-to-six month projection to complete the plan. Ms. Gilden welcomes any comments announcing the next meeting will be held on June 28, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Carroll Community College.

NEW BUSINESS –

Discussion of Mr. Frank Johnson's report on the 2007 General Assembly Session: Ms. Gilden commented that before the Clean Cars Act passed in Maryland can be implemented EPA must approve the standards proposed by California as the Maryland act is based on the California standards. EPA is receiving comments on California's standard until June 15, 2007.

Ms. Merkle asked the Council to review this e-mail if they had not already done so.

COUNCIL MEMBERS – ISSUES FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Mr. Foor-Hogue would like to see zoning and building code changes with respect to rain water-reuse, gray water, and alternative energy technology like personal windmills.
- Mr. Jim Johnson made a motion, seconded by Robyn Gilden and carried.

MOTION NO. 13-07: The EAC review regulations, permitting and zoning codes in Carroll County as they relate to alternative energy sources for homeowners.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chair Merkle announced the July, 2007 EAC meeting is an evening meeting and will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at **6:30 p.m.** in Room 003/004.

ADJOURN - MOTION NO. 14-07: Motion made by Robyn Gilden, seconded by Kim Petry, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting, an evening meeting, will be held **Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.** in Room 003/004.

Please inform the secretary if you are unable to attend