

<p><b>Carroll County</b>  <b>ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL</b>  <b>MINUTES</b>  <b>Robyn Gilden, Chair</b>  <b>Kim Petry, Vice Chair</b>  <b>Tuesday, January 11, 2011 @ 3:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Room 105, Carroll County Office</b>  <b>Building (COB)</b></p>		<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Cynthia M. Parr</b>  <b>Deputy Chief of Staff</b>  <b>225 N Center Street, Room 300</b>  <b>Westminster, MD 21157-5194</b>  <b>Telephone: 410-386-2232</b>  <b>Fax: 410-386-2485</b>  <a href="mailto:cparr@ccg.carr.org">cparr@ccg.carr.org</a></p>
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**Members Present:**

Dan Andrews  
Robyn Gilden  
Karen Merkle  
Kim Petry  
David Pyatt  
Brian Rhoten  
Chris Spaur  
Sandy Zebal

**Members Absent:**

None

**County Government:**

Terri Jones, Deputy County Attorney  
Cindy Myers-Crumbaker, Recording Secretary  
Cindy Parr, Advisor

**CALL TO ORDER** – Robyn Gilden called the January 11, 2011, meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Motion 121-11** to approve the minutes with revisions to “Old Business” #2 from the November 9, 2010 meeting was made by Karen Merkle and seconded by Dave Pyatt. The motion carried and was approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – No communications were received this month, however, Dave Pyatt wanted to tell the council about a function he had attended. He spoke with an engineer who is working on RDF (Refuse Derived Fuel) for Lehigh. The company is working with the Maryland Department of the Environment for approval of this.

Also, Robyn Gilden informed the council that she had sent a letter to the new Board of Commissioners introducing the EAC and its goals. She received two responses, one from Doug Howard and one from Robin Frazier in support of our group.

**PRESENTATIONS-** No presentation will be made this month.

**OPEN FORUM-**

1. Karen Moody introduced herself to the council as an advisor to the Environmental Science Group at Carroll Community College. She wanted to emphasize that more information needs to be publicized regarding recycling. She feels more education is needed in the community, maybe a flyer should be put with the Water bill for the citizens within town limits or with the bill from the haulers. Chris Spaur suggested having students update a web site as a school project. Cindy Parr told the council that Kevin Carmack and Chris Swam of the video department with Carroll County Government had created a cartoon type of educational video called “It’s Fun to Recycle with Pete the Plastic Bottle”, which can be viewed on the County website.
2. Ellen Cutsail of Union Bridge voiced her opinion that the new Commissioners feel the Waste to Energy Facility is not important. She suggested letting the new Commissioners know of past research that the EAC has done.

## **TREE COMMISSION –**

Brian Rhoten gave reports on the Tree Commission meetings that have been held the past 2 months.

The December tree committee meeting was held December 1 at 10:00 in Room 205 of the County Office Building. Discussion was held regarding property line disputes in critical root zones. When submitting an Environmental Site Delineation application, the developer needs to include a copy of the letter that they sent to adjacent property owners with concerns. When a complaint is received the response will be an inspection completed by an inspector from the Bureau of Resource Management Office.

The Council decided that Terri Jones would write the recommendation to the Commissioners to include proposed language to this change and notify Resource Management of this recommendation. A cover letter from Robyn will be forwarded to Cindy Parr for presentation to the Board of Commissioners.

**Motion 122-11** was made by Karen Merkle and seconded by Kim Petry to recommend the revised ESD requirements. All were in favor.

The January meeting was held on January 5 at the County Office Building in Room 205 at 10:00. The topic of discussion was Public Education regarding Tree Preservation. Arbor Day plans were also started. The question of where to plant trees was brought up. Bear Branch Nature Center was a suggestion. Brian would like to plant trees at the median at Winters Mill roundabout to the Pizza Hut. Maintenance of the area around the trees is an issue. The following suggestions were made:

1. Planting trees in recognition of the Environmental Awareness Awards.
2. Westminster Elementary School has a sloped area that may be an option to plant on.
3. The median on Route 140 is not a good option due to safety issues.
4. Bowling Brook which is now the Silver Oak Academy was suggested as a location to plant trees.
5. Contact Steve Reynolds (Sherriff's Warden) to arrange to have inmates help with plantings.

## **OLD BUSINESS –**

### **1. Nominations for a new Chairperson –**

- a. Dan Andrews declined
- b. Sandy Zebal was nominated by Dan Andrews, seconded by Dave Pyatt. Sandy accepted. The vote was unanimous for Sandy to be chair. She will take over at the March 2011 meeting.

### **2. Work Session -**

Karen Merkle reported on the sub-committee meeting held November 29. Three topics were focused on.

- a. Residual Ash – Dan Andrews has been finding information from other counties. He is trying to find a report of composition of this ash to see if it is considered a hazardous material.
- b. Hauling Routes in Carroll County – Brian Rhoten reported that 13-15 haulers are collecting in the county.

- c. Pay As You Throw – Karen Merkle told the group that there are currently no incentives in place for the haulers. The sub-committee is going to study this further. A hauler will be invited to a meeting to give more information.

\*\*Brian Rhoten was tasked with finding information on Baltimore county solid waste practices. Please see his notes attached to these minutes.

Another meeting was held on January 6 to continue discussion on these topics.

The group voiced interest in having Maria Myers come and speak again and/or Chuck Ingram, Bureau Chief of Solid Waste. They would like to know what education is being encouraged by the haulers concerning recycling. An itemized report of the cost to recycle is being requested. The committee decided to hold another meeting to discuss more of this information.

### **NEW BUSINESS-**

1. Donna Davis of the Forestry Board would like the EAC to have an ordinance with guidelines of keeping property mowed 50' from the property line.
2. The next meeting will be held March 8 at 3:00 in the afternoon in Room 003.

**MOTION NO. 123-11:** Motion made by Brian Rhoten, seconded by Dave Pyatt to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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***Please inform the secretary if you are unable to attend***

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\*\* Secretary's Note – Paragraph omitted under Old Business 2. See insert and attachment.

ATTACHMENT -

EAC Subcommittee on waste  
Research on Baltimore Co. activities  
12-27-2010

Mike Beichler 410-887-2226 Facility Engineer for county  
John Moore 410-887-4631, accountant for county

Basically Baltimore Co. puts 1/3 in out of state landfills, 1/3 in incinerator and 1/3 of waste in county landfill.

They use 49 haulers and the county pays haulers to collect all curbside garbage for residential.  
Cost for collection is 27 million on 400 tons per year. 67.50 per ton to collect.  
The have 320,000 units. (collection sites) 1.25 tons annually per site

The cost to the county for disposal of the waste is 55 per ton.

The recycling rate on curbside is 13.4% these are true numbers no additional figures calculated, such as road waste etc. 399,935 tons collected of waste and 53,612 tons of single stream recycling collected. 38,267 were the tons of recycling collected when they were separating recyclables. These figures do not include yard waste or drop off figures, just curbside.

They have single stream recycling and a yard waste compost facility.