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Carroll County Bureau Awarded For Stormwater Project

Thursday, September 22, 2016-The Carroll County Bureau of Resource Management (BRM) recently received notification that the Westminster Community Pond Stormwater Retrofit project was selected to receive an Award of Merit from the County Engineers Association of Maryland (CEAM). The announcement of the award will take place at the CEAM 2016 Fall Conference on Thursday, September 22, 2016 in Ocean City, MD.

The project began when Carroll County Recreation and Parks first began discussions on the revitalization of the Westminster Community Pond in 2009. The Bureau of Resource Management recognized an opportunity to coordinate and proposed using the facility to aid meeting the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements for impervious area treatment. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) permit requirements were created to regulate point sources that discharge pollutants into waters of the United States. The existing pond was primarily spring fed, but had three small tributaries passing nearby. While evaluating the drainage to these tributaries, it was determined that 250 acres of area, including 67 acres of impervious surfaces could be routed into an improved facility.

Construction took a little over a year and the park was officially re-opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony in September of 2015. Total project cost was approximately \$2.7 million. The project was considered a success by meeting the water quality goals for the watershed and is an excellent example of cooperation between agencies to meet multiple goals in a cost effective manner. Click [here](#) to watch the ribbon cutting and learn the history of the pond. For more information on the Carroll County Bureau of Resource Management projects and goals visit [here](#).

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