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NOTICE: TO ALL ADJOINING PLANNING JURISDICTIONS AND STATE AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS HAVING FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCING OR CONSTRUCTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR CARROLL COUNTY, HAMPSTEAD, MANCHESTER, MOUNT AIRY, NEW WINDSOR, SYKESVILLE, TANEYTOWN, UNION BRIDGE, AND/OR WESTMINSTER.

The *Water Resources Element* (WRE) would, if approved by the Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission and each of the eight municipal planning commissions and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners and each of the eight City and Town Councils, serve as the water resources element of each comprehensive plan, as required under Section 3.05(a)(4)(vi) of Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland. This plan element would serve as the official guide for public and private development decision-making for the County and its municipalities as it relates to water supply and water quality issues in Carroll County, Maryland. The WRE was developed through a collaborative effort of the Carroll County Water Resources Coordination Council, which includes, among others, representatives of each Carroll County jurisdiction and the Carroll County Health Department. It provides mechanisms and recommendations for identifying water and wastewater demand and capacity needs, potential future water supplies, water and wastewater limitations, nonpoint source loading estimates, and strategies to address each of these issues.

Community information meetings on the WRE will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, in the South Carroll High School auditorium and on Thursday, January 28, 2010, in Room 003 of the County Office Building in Westminster. Both meetings will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. The purpose of these meetings is to answer questions so that individuals will be able to provide informed comments to the planning commissions as part of the public hearing process.

Pursuant to Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission and municipal planning commissions will hold a public hearing(s) on the draft WRE soon after the close of the 60-day review period. You may access the draft *Water Resources Element* at the following link: <http://ccgovernent.carr.org/ccg/compplan/functional.asp>, which should be available by Monday, December 7. Comments are hereby sought on behalf of all nine jurisdictions. State agencies are requested to return any comments as soon as possible but no later than **Friday, February 5, 2010**. **It is important to note that this plan is in draft form. Modifications and/or additions may be made as a result of the comments received during the public review period and the public hearing.**

Please return comments or other feedback to the attention of Brenda Dinne by e-mail at bdinne@ccg.carr.org or by mail at Carroll County Bureau of Comprehensive Planning, 225 North Center Street, Room 204, Westminster, Maryland 21157. A prompt response is greatly appreciated. The attached form will assist you in providing a clear and timely response. If you have any questions, please contact me at bdinne@ccg.carr.org or 410-386-2130.

Sincerely,
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Attachment

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