



WRCC Meeting Summary April 26, 2023

Attendees:

Municipalities:

- Kevin Hann, Chair
- Jim Wieprecht, Vice Chair
- John Dick
- Gary Dye
- Delbert Greene
- Mayor Perry Jones
- Rodney Kuhns
- Alex Perricone
- Kevin Rubenstein
- Dick Swanson

CC Land & Resource Management (LRM):

- Gianni Assi
- Brenda Dinne
- Glenn Edwards
- Chris Heyn, Director
- Claire Hirt
- Byron Madigan
- Kelly Martin
- Denise Mathias
- Zach Neal
- Janet O'Meara
- Ed Singer
- Pat Varga

Health Department:

- Richard Brace

CCG Others:

- Andy Watcher, CC DPW
- Lydia Rogers, CC M&B
- Bryan Bokey, CC DPW
- Lynda Eisenberg, CC Planning

Guest Speakers:

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Others:

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1. Opening Statement

Chair – Kevin Hann

Mr. Hann opened the meeting at 2:29 PM. He had no additional comments.

Vice Chair – Jim Wieprecht

No additional comments.

2. Approval of Meeting Summary – March 22, 2023

Approval of the March meeting summary was discussed. No changes were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Jim Wieprecht and seconded by Alex Perricone to approve the March 22, 2023, meeting summary as written. Motion carried.

3. Water Resources Element 2010 Overview – Brenda Dinne

- Ms. Dinne presented an overview of the 2010 Water Resources Element to provide background on the document to WRCC members who did not participate in that process.
- She covered the 3 major sections of the plan – water supply, wastewater, and nonpoint source (stormwater) – and what they include. She briefly discussed the results of the analysis for the water supply and wastewater sections. The nonpoint source section was prepared prior to EPA's setting of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the Chesapeake Bay, the issuance of our modern NPDES MS4 stormwater permits, and other more current policies and regulations.
- Lastly, she reviewed the components of the options and strategies sections of the plan.

Reference/Attachment:

- PowerPoint: *WRE 2010 Overview – Dinne (2023-Apr-26)*

4. Water Resources Element (WRE 2024) Update – Brenda Dinne

- **Task 1 – Buildable Land Inventory (BLI) Process:** Ms. Dinne indicated the draft technical memo was received and reviewed by the GIS staff. Minor comments were returned, and a final technical memo was received. The actual automation of the process was an optional add-on with an extra cost. Staff will determine whether or not to pursue having Hazen complete the automation.
- **Task 2 – Groundwater Allocability:** Hazen is currently evaluating the information and data. A draft technical memo is due June 1.
- **Task 3 – Emerging Contaminants:** Hazen held a workshop with technical staff on April 24. Staff provided feedback and direction. A draft technical memo is due May 10. Ms. Dinne provided copies of Hazen's PFAS handouts to the WRCC members.
- Overall, Hazen is still on schedule.

Reference/Attachment:

- N/A

5. Municipal Stormwater Projects Update – Janet O'Meara

- Janet O'Meara introduced Gianni Assi, LRM's new Stormwater Management Engineer.
- Ms. O'Meara provided an update on the municipal stormwater restoration projects.
- The Willow Pond project was nominated for a BUBBA Award with the Chesapeake Stormwater Network and received third place.

Reference/Attachment:

- Handout: *Municipal Project Status*

6. Other

- **Legislative Update:** Ms. Dinne reviewed the final status of the bills of interest to the WRCC over the 2023 legislative session. (*Reference/Attachment:* Handout: *WRCC Legislative Update (as of Apr 25 2023)*)
- **MDE Floor Forum:** Chris Heyn shared that MDE reviewed the County's floodplain ordinance/management program on April 12 and 13, 2023. As part of the A-StoRM initiative, MDE held a Flood Forum with LRM staff, several agencies within MDE's Water Sciences Administration, State Highway Administration, and City of Westminster DPW staff. The purpose was to how we might work together to solve problems and possibly use Carroll County as a pilot project for a flood management plan.
- **Stormwater Tour:** The tour will be on Friday, May 5, this year, with a rain date of Friday, May 12.
- **Hydrologic Update:** Mr. Neal reported that none of the wells are in dire condition. With the forecasted rain, he will have more representative numbers in mid-May.
- **Blue Catfish:** This is an invasive species that can get very large. There was discussion regarding whether or not they can be found in Carroll County. No one was aware of any.

Reference/Attachment:

- Handout: *WRCC Legislative Update (2023-Apr-26)*

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:17 PM. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 2:30 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Dick Swanson and seconded by Alex Perricone to adjourn the April 26 meeting. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

☐ *Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, June 28, 2023*

MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PROJECT STATUS

April 26, 2023

FUTURE PROJECTS:

Michael's Property (Hampstead) – Project is on hold until Town has obtained approval from property owners to move forward.

Meadow Ridge Basin 2 (Westminster) – Retrofit of existing facility to provide water quality through a surface sand filter. This site is adjacent to the pump station at the edge of the City limits. The County has begun sending out RFPs under the new term contract. We are expecting to send this one out within the next few months.

Manchester East (Manchester) – We are looking into opportunities for a new stormwater facility north of Manchester Valley High School, adjacent to the pump station. We have put this project out to bid for design. Proposals are due back April 28.

CONCEPT DESIGN:

Hampstead Valley 1 (Hampstead) – Retrofit of existing detention basin to a surface sand filter. Site is located just south of Lower Beckleysville Road near a production well. CLSI is currently working on a concept plan of a triple facility design. The concept was reviewed by Stormwater, Soil Conservation, Utilities and the Town, and sent back to CLSI with comment. New Dam Safety requirements have gone into effect. These requirements include additional modeling, which may affect the current concept design.

Hampstead Valley 4 (Hampstead) – New surface sand filter and stream restoration proposed between Century Street and Downhill Trail. Culverts at Downhill Trail require realignment into the HOA parcel for dam breach approval. A partial preliminary submittal was made to stormwater.

New Windsor Wetland (New Windsor)- Survey data on the sewer force main was obtained to design around for the wetland facility. We are working through the design with the engineer for a structure to balance the facility on both sides of the sewer main.

Roberts Field Wet Facility (Hampstead) – Retrofit of wet pond to new hybrid wet pond/submerged gravel wetland. Wallace Montgomery & Associates (WMA) re-submitted the concept on March 6. We are wrapping up the review and will be sending comments back to WMA.

Carroll County Health Department (Westminster) – CLSI was working on the hydrologic modeling for the storm drain design to the Langdon facility; however, new Dam Safety requirements will make this design direction unfeasible. We plan to change direction to renovating the existing facilities.

FINAL DESIGN:

CONSTRUCTION:

North Carroll Library (Hampstead) – The construction task has been awarded to White Pine. Construction began on April 5. The control structure has been set, and White Pine is working with CLSI on the pipe placements.

Locust Street (Citizens Energy) (Union Bridge) – The stormwater management facility and storm drains are complete. The engineer is working to complete the as-built plans and report.

PLANNING PROJECTS:

Little Pipe Creek Restoration Opportunities – The County has executed the grant agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). We are currently awaiting final QAPP approval. CWP has developed an outline for identifying priority restoration areas, this is currently being reviewed internally.

TREE PLANTING PROJECTS:

All the municipal plantings have completed their maintenance period and are now the responsibility of the municipalities. Please make sure that these areas are being mowed at least three (3) times per season.