



# Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council

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## Meeting Summary for August 20, 2025

### Members

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Curtis Barrett             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Paskoski |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Collier  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Scanlan               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Connell   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michele Smith  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charlene Norris | <input type="checkbox"/> Tamara Strobel            |

### County Government

- ☒ Brenda Dinne, Special Projects Coordinator/ EAC Staff Liaison/Secretary
- ☒ Denise Mathias, EAC Admin Support
- ☒ Chris Heyn, Director, Planning & Land Management

### Guest Speaker(s)

- n/a

### Other Attendees

- None

### **1. CALL TO ORDER -**

- Mr. Paskoski, Chair, officially called the August 20, 2025, meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) to order at 3:09 PM in the Grier Room at the Carroll County Farm Museum.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -**

#### **a. June 18, 2025 and July 16, 2025**

#### **Discussion/Decision:**

- None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion 495-25** Motion was made by Craig Connell and seconded by Ashley Collier to approve the June 18, 2025, and July 16, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

#### **Reference/Attachment(s):**

- [www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/meetings/](http://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/meetings/)

### **3. STAFF LIAISON REPORT -**

#### **Discussion/Decision:**

- The next meeting will be held on September 17, 2025, at 3:00 PM. The agenda will include continued discussion on the MPRP environmental impacts summary project, as well as the Environmental Action Awards.
- The Board of County Commissioners invited two people to serve on the EAC to fill the current vacancies. Both declined, as their circumstances had changed. New member applications are needed.

### **4. NEW BUSINESS -**

## a. None

**5. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS –****a. Climate Resilience in Your Own Backyard – Discussion****Discussion:**

- The final draft of the public outreach document was approved as a final document, ready to be available to the public. It will be distributed with the Environmental Stewardship booklet.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion 498-25** Motion was made by Craig Connell and seconded by Ashley Collier to approve as final the *Climate Resilience in Your Own Backyard* public outreach document, as presented. Motion carried.

**Reference/Attachment(s):**

- <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/other-eac-publications-topics/>

**b. MPRP Environmental Impact Summary – Discussion****Discussion:**

- Chris Heyn provided direction on additional information to add to the summary related to what the Board of County Commissioners requested.
- The EAC should look for instances where more work will be needed than just what is required by law. An example would be forest conservation. State law exempts this project. However, with over 200 acres of forest expected to be cleared, the County may request this and similar issues to do more mitigation than required by law.
- The EAC members will look for red flags and questions. Staff will review to determine how this is addressed in the law and if additional mitigation should be requested.

**EAC Member Action Items:**

- All members Look for any red flags where it seems like something may not be mitigated and provide to Ms. Dinne

**Reference/Attachment(s):**

- n/a

**c. 2025 Environmental Action Awards – Discussion****Discussion:**

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**EAC Member Action Items:**

- Ms. Strobel Confirm gift value amount with Local Homestead Products.

**Reference/Attachment(s):**

- <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/environmental-action-awards/>

## 6. OTHER -

- Carroll EnviroFest 2025: A monitor and stand will be lent to the EAC to replace the cardboard display with a digital display.
- Howard County Composting Facility Tour: The tour will be in place of the regular monthly meeting in October. Some members will meet at the facility, and the rest will ride down together from Westminster. The tour will start at 3:00 PM.

### **EAC Member Action Items:**

- n/a

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS -

- None.

## 8. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING -

- The meeting adjourned at 3:38 PM. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 3:00 PM in Room 204 of the County Office Building.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT - MOTION 499-25:** Motion was made by Craig Connell and seconded by Ashley Collier to adjourn the August 20, 2025, meeting and proceed to the tour. Motion carried.

## 9. FARM MUSEUM STORMWATER FACILITY TOUR -

- The meeting was followed by a tour of the stormwater management facilities and practices at the Farm Museum. Mr. Heyn explained their purpose and how they work.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

 Regular Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, September 17, 2025 @ 3:00 PM, Room 204, COB