

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

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Carroll County Health Department



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WRCC Meeting Summary June 28, 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
- Kevin Smeak
- Dick Swanson

CC Land & Resource Management (LRM):

- Brenda Dinne
- Glenn Edwards
- Chris Heyn, Director
- Claire Hirt
- Mary Lane
- 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

Guest Speakers:

- Michael Hyde, MDE Water Supply Program

Others:

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1. Opening Statement

Chair – Kevin Hann

Mr. Hann opened the meeting at 2:30 PM. He thanked Land & Resource Management staff for organizing the May stormwater tour. He also mentioned that Maryland Department of the Environment released the [Maryland DRAFT Priority Project List for FFY23/SFY25 for Drinking Water Projects](#). He suggested each municipality check to see if any of their projects are listed. Mr. Hann also noted that several members are missing due to the Maryland Municipal League conference this week.

Vice Chair – Jim Wieprecht

None.

LRM Director, Chris Heyn

Mr. Heyn had to leave early due to a scheduling conflict. He shared that Lynda Eisenburg, former Planning Director, left Carroll County to take a position in Howard County. Mr. Heyn has been appointed Acting Director of Planning. A member of the Planning staff will now be attending the WRCC meetings regularly.

2. Approval of Meeting Summary – April 26, 2023

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Dick Swanson and seconded by Chris Heyn to approve the April 26, 2023, meeting summary as written. Motion carried.

3. Lead and Copper Rule Requirements – Michael Hyde, MDE

- Mr. Hyde presented an overview of MDE's Lead and Copper Rule requirements. Highlights include:
 - The initial inventory is due October 16, 2024. This phase only requires a records review.
 - MDE is working to modify a sample spreadsheet sent out by the UP EPA for recording the inventory and other information. Mr. Hyde noted that anyone who hasn't started filling out the spreadsheet yet should use the MDE version of the spreadsheet.
 - Where a jurisdiction does not have record of the material of pipes, the material, diameter, and installation year can be useful to help identify the material. If a service line is greater than 3 inches, you can determine that it is not lead. If the pipes were installed after May 17, 1972, lead pipes were not allowed after that date.
 - The Maryland Rural Water Association is working with small water systems at the moment. They have already been trained on the spreadsheet. They are willing and able to help with inventory and investigation assistance.
 - Additional information can be found in the attached PowerPoint, or by contacting MDE at reporting.leadcopperrule@maryland.gov or 410-537-3702.

Reference/Attachment:

- PowerPoint: *Lead Service Lines Inventory Presentation, Maryland LCRR Implementation*

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

- Task 1 – Buildable Land Inventory (BLI) Process: The final technical memo was received. A change order was approved to complete the optional Task 1.2 to automate portions of the BLI. Completion is expected in September.
- Task 2 – Groundwater Allocability: A draft technical memo was reviewed by technical team members, and comments were provided to Hazen. The final technical memo is expected July 31. However, additional internal work will be needed before considering pursuit of an alternative approach.
- Task 3 – Emerging Contaminants: A draft technical memo was reviewed by the technical team, and comments were provided to Hazen. At the July 26 WRCC meeting, Hazen will present potential impacts of PFAS requirements on future development and planned growth in the municipalities/growth areas. They will also share potential, general costs that might be expected for treatment.
- Task 4 – TIPP Evaluation: Hazen was asked to evaluate and compare the MapShed model, which was used for our initial TMDL implementation plans, with MDE's TIPP spreadsheet using the South Branch Patapsco watershed. There has been some technical difficulty running the previous model.
- Capacity Management Plan (CMP) Worksheets: The CMP worksheets will need to be completed in early August to provide to Hazen for work on Task 6. Ms. Dinne indicated that the demand data has been added to all the worksheets. She will be contacting each municipality to review the CMP worksheet before providing it to Hazen to ensure nothing is missing, and there are no unexpected results.

Reference/Attachment:

- N/A

5. Public Outreach and Litter Clean-Up – Claire Hirt

- Ms. Hirt shared figures related to tracking of litter in this NPDES permit year. She asked that those who separate loose litter from the count add that weigh to the total for their municipality.

- Ms. Hirt asked for feedback on the tracking sheet developed and sent out last year. The spreadsheet seems to be working for all. If anyone has suggestions for improvements, they can contact her.

Reference/Attachment:

- Handout: N/A

6. Municipal Stormwater Projects Update – Janet O’Meara

- Ed Singer provided an update on the municipal stormwater restoration projects.
- The pace for several of the projects has been slowed due to changes in the dam safety requirements that may have impacted design.

Reference/Attachment:

- Handout: *Municipal Project Status*

7. Other

- Planning Commission Secretary: Ms. Dinne noted that Chris Heyn is also now the Secretary to the County Planning & Zoning Commission.
- Water & Sewer Master Plan Triennial Update: Ms. Dinne will request that Price Wagoner, water and sewer planner, provide an update at the July 26 meeting.
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG): Ms. Dinne reported that the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) coordinated an effort to prepare and submit a regional grant application to EPA for development of climate action plans to reduce pollution that contributes to climate change. The majority of action items would likely relate to DPW activities, rather than water quality, but there could be a plan(s) developed in the future. EPA will award the grants in the fall 2023.
- August 23 WRCC Meeting: Ms. Dinne requested Ms. Singleton from BMC to return to speak. (This is not confirmed.) She was asked to share information about the follow up work completed subsequent to the Climate Change Resource Guide, which she presented to the WRCC in November 2023.
- Organizing of Inspections Schedule Related to Permit: Ms. Hirt shared that in the future the various inspections will be coordinated to occur around the same timeframe. This will allow the municipalities to plan what needs to be done comprehensively, rather than being identified piecemeal.
- 12SW Renewal: Mr. Edwards reported than the deadline to get the applications done is getting near. Each municipality that needs to do this should at least get the NOI submitted by the deadline.
- Water Levels: Mr. Neal indicated that there is still a 3-inch deficit over the last 30 days. Streams are still below or well below normal. Some of the municipalities may be at levels that would trigger drought contingency plans or voluntary conservation measures.

Reference/Attachment:

- Handout: N/A

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:01 PM. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 2:30 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Dick Swanson and seconded by Rodney Kuhns to adjourn the June 28 meeting. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, July 26, 2023*

MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PROJECT STATUS

June 28, 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.

Hampstead Valley 2/3 (Hampstead) – Hampstead Valley facilities 2 and 3 will be retrofit as a stream restoration project to decommission Sycamore Drive as a roadway embankment. The design will include a stream restoration beginning immediately downstream of the proposed Hampstead Valley 1 facility and continue to Sycamore Drive.

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 resubmitting a concept plan of a triple facility design. New Dam Safety requirements have gone into effect. These requirements include additional modeling, which may affect the current concept design.

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 awarded this project to CLSI. They are getting started with a design for a new surface sand filter and potential for drainage improvement at the upstream end of the stormdrain network.

New Windsor Wetland (New Windsor)- A new wetland facility is proposed adjacent to the Maryland Midland Railroad tracks and Dickenson Run. The proposed improvements include removing the existing inlet adjacent to the intersection of Water St and Church St, replacing it

with a diversion structure that will route the 1-year storm discharges to the proposed 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.

Public Safety Training Center (Westminster Well)- A retrofit for the Public Safety Training Center pond is in progress for the facility design and PFAS remediation. WRA is finalizing the concept plan for the surface sand filter this week. Tetra Tech will provide guidance for the PFAS remediation.

PRELIMINARY DESIGN:

Hampstead Valley 4 (Hampstead) – A new surface sand filter and stream restoration project is proposed between Century Street and Downhill Trail. Culverts at Downhill Trail require realignment into the HOA parcel for dam breach approval. A preliminary submittal was reviewed by stormwater and sent back with comment.

Roberts Field Wet Facility (Hampstead) – Retrofit of wet pond to new hybrid wet pond/submerged gravel wetland. The recent concept submittal was approved with comments from the Town and Stormwater Management. Wallace Montgomery & Associates (WMA) is beginning the preliminary phase of design.

FINAL DESIGN:

CONSTRUCTION:

North Carroll Library (Hampstead) – Construction is complete. CLSI is working on the as-built plans.

PLANNING PROJECTS:

Little Pipe Creek Restoration Opportunities – The County has executed the grant agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). CWP has developed an outline for identifying priority restoration areas, this is currently being reviewed internally. CWP and County staff will be going out together for an assessment of Little Pipe this week.

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.