

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

Hampstead * Manchester * Mt. Airy * New Windsor
Carroll County Health Department



* Sykesville * Taneytown * Union Bridge * Westminster
Carroll County Government

WRCC Meeting Summary

August 27, 2025

Attendees:

Municipalities:

- ☒ Kevin Hann, Chair, Hampstead
- ☒ Jim Wieprecht, Vice Chair, Taneytown
- ☒ Zac Amoss, Westminster
- ☒ Gary Dye, New Windsor
- ☐ Delbert Green, Manchester
- ☐ Greg Howell, Westminster
- ☐ Mayor Perry Jones, Union Bridge
- ☐ Rodney Kuhns, Manchester
- ☐ Matt Leister, Manchester
- ☒ Jim Roark, Hampstead
- ☒ Kevin Rubenstein, Sykesville
- ☐ Kevin Smeak, Taneytown
- ☐ Vance Summerhill, Westminster
- ☒ Dick Swanson, Mount Airy

CC PLM:

- ☒ Brenda Dinne
- ☒ Glenn Edwards
- ☒ Andrew Gray
- ☒ Chris Heyn, PLM Director
- ☒ Claire Hirt
- ☐ Byron Madigan
- ☒ Mitch Masser
- ☐ Denise Mathias
- ☒ Zach Neal
- ☒ Janet O'Meara

Health Department:

- ☐ Richard Brace
- ☒ Nicole Bowman

CCG Others:

- ☐ Andy Watcher, CC DPW
- ☐ Bryan Bokey, CC DPW
- ☐ Lexi Biondo, CC M&B

Guest Speakers:

- ☐ Daphne Daly, PLM

1. Opening Statement

Chair

Mr. Hann opened the meeting at 2:31 pm.

Vice Chair

N/A

2. Approval of Meeting Summary – July 23, 2025

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Dick Swanson and seconded by Jim Wieprecht to approve the July 23, 2025, meeting summary. Motion carried.

3. Carroll County Master Plan Process Update – Daphne Daly

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Reference/Attachment:

- PowerPoint: *Carroll County Master Plan 2035 Assessment Phase Review and Next Steps*
- Website: www.Carroll2035.org

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

- The municipal Planning Commissions are currently reviewing the plan. The intent is to gain approval to send the draft plan for the State-required 60-day review from all the municipal Planning Commissions by the end of August/early September. So far, Sykesville, Westminster, Hampstead, New Windsor, Union Bridge, and Mount Airy Planning Commissions have granted approval. Copies of the minutes from those meetings will be included in the file.
- Ms. Dinne started the overview and discussion series with the County Planning Commission at the July 15 meeting. Review and discussion is anticipated to continue through the November meeting, with a request for approval to be sent for State 60-day review potentially at that meeting.

Reference/Attachment:

- n/a

5. Municipal Stormwater Projects Update – Janet O'Meara

- Ms. O'Meara reviewed the status of municipal stormwater projects in progress.
- A great turnout occurred for the community meeting about the Roberts Field Wet Facility in Hampstead recently.

Reference/Attachment:

- *Municipal Project Status, August 2025*

6. PFAS Discussion

- The feeling is that federal funding for PFAS mitigation in drinking water will not change, as the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) has not changed.
- The EPA extended the compliance date for drinking water systems to meet MCLs for PFAO and PFOS from 2029 to 2031.

Reference/Attachment:

- n/a

7. Other

- Carroll EnviroFest 2025: The annual EnviroFest, formerly the Environmental Symposium, will be held on Saturday, October 25, this year. The location has changed to the Robert Moton Center, but it will still be held from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
- State Stormwater Regulations: Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) intends to push out a draft of the revised stormwater regulations for public review and comment by the on September 11. If this happens, the September WRCC meeting agenda will include review and discussion of the proposed revisions. MDE is working on the accompanying stormwater manual. A partially complete manual will also be released, although it will be finished several months later.
- New Solar Regulations: PLM staff is actively working on update the County Code to comply with new State requirements for renewable energy adopted by the General Assembly during the 2025 session. Solar projects less than 5 MW must now be a principal permitted use in all zoning districts. An additional change requires local jurisdictions to allow front-of-the-meter battery energy storage systems (BESS) to be a principal permitted use in all zoning districts,

including residential. The proposed regulations will be shared with the WRCC members. The Board of County Commissioners will be briefed on the proposed revisions on September 4.

- Martin Covington Retirement: After 30 years with the County, Martin will be retiring on September 10. WRCC members were invited to attend his retirement reception, to be held on September 4.
- Frank Schaeffer Memorial 5K: The memorial run / walk will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Wakefield Valley Park. Mr. Dye requested the municipalities to help get the word out. A flyer will be shared with them.
- Vietnam War Memorial: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, known as The Vietnam Traveling Wall, is scheduled to be displayed at the New Windsor Fire Department Carnival Grounds from October 9-13, 2025.
- MS4 Annual Report & Outreach Events: Staff is beginning the 2025 Annual Report process. Mr. Masser thanked the municipalities for submitting their completed jotforms. The next outreach event staff will attend is the Taneytown FallFest on September 27.
- Water & Sewer Master Plan Amendments: The Board of County Commissioners adopted on August 21 the spring 2025 amendments to the *Water & Sewer Master Plan*. The amendments will now be forwarded to MDE for final approval. Three municipalities submitted amendments for the fall 2025 amendment cycle.
- 2025 Annual Stormwater Pollution and Prevention Training: The annual training will be held on the morning of Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at the Public Safety Training Center. The agenda includes a good speaker lineup.
- Salt Management Plans: The salt management plans required by the MS4 permit are just about complete and will be ready to go for submission with the Annual Report. Staff is finishing a template for salt management plans as part of the permit requirements. This will be sent out soon and will allow permittees to conduct their own training.
- SHA MS4 Permit: The State Highway Administration's new permit was issued by MDE on August 22, 2025. It is available online. It could be helpful to review to identify potential new requirements that might be added to the next round of Phase 1 county permits.
- Surveying Wells: Zach Neal is coordinating with the County surveyor to survey the locations of all the monitoring wells, and potentially production wells also. This is a long-term project. Any interested municipalities can coordinate with Mr. Neal.

Reference/Attachment:

- 2025 Carroll EnviroFest webpage:
<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/directory/planning-land-management/carroll-envirofest/>
- Water & Sewer Master Plan Amendments Webpage:
<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/directory/planning-land-management/comprehensive-planning/land-use-functional-plans/functional-plans-and-reports/water-sewer-master-plan/water-and-sewer-amendments/>

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Dick Swanson and seconded by Zac Amoss to adjourn the July 23, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ☐ Regular Monthly Meeting – September 24, 2025