



Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council



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Meeting Summary for May 20, 2026

Members

- ☒ Curtis Barrett
- ☒ Craig Connell
- ☒ Caitlin Fleming
- ☒ Amy Hardesty
- ☒ Charlene Norris
- ☒ Aaron Salter
- ☐ Michele Smith

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- ☒ Brenda Dinne, Special Projects Coordinator/EAC Staff Liaison/Secretary
- ☒ Denise Mathias, EAC Admin Support

Guest Speaker(s)

- Byron Madigan, CC Water Resources Office

Other Attendees

- None

1. CALL TO ORDER –

- Chair Barrett officially called the May 20, 2026, meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) to order at 3:00 PM in Room 204 of the County Office Building.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES –

a. April 29, 2026

Discussion/Decision:

- No changes were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion 519-26 Motion was made by Aaron Salter and seconded by Caitlin Fleming to approve the April 29, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/meetings/

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS –

a. Secretary Report

Discussion/Decision:

- The next regular meeting will be held on June 17, 2026. The agenda will be for continued discussion on uncompleted 2026 work plan projects.
- Members discussed specific topics related to solar development, on which they would like to hear from a solar developer. This may be a guest topic at a future meeting.
- A new member will officially start at the August meeting.
- Two members need to complete the annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

4. NEW BUSINESS –**a. Thermal Evaluation of Upland Stormwater BMPs – Impact of Design Modifications to Buffer Stream Temperatures in Urbanized Watersheds – Byron Madigan****Discussion/Decision:**

- Byron Madigan, Water Resources Office Supervisor, shared information about a thermal study related to the Willow Pond stormwater facility. The intent of the study was to determine if the gravel lens incorporated into the facility had an impact on the temperature of the water discharged from the facility.
- Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is working on the first temperature Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the state applicable to Gwynn's Falls. Due to temperature impairments in the Prettyboy Reservoir watershed, temperature TMDLs are anticipated for areas within Carroll County in the future. Best management practices (BMPs) identified now could be implemented in those areas to address those TMDLs.
- Mr. Madigan described work that has been done for this study and why temperature is important in that watershed.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

Presentation: [Thermal Impacts of Wet Pond with Gravel Lens](#)

5. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS –**a. New Land Uses on the Horizon – Discussion****Discussion/Decision:**

- Members are researching new land uses on the horizon that Carroll County currently does not address in the zoning code – Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) and vertiports, commercial composting facilities, digestors, electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure, and small modular reactors (SMRs).
- For this meeting, members research zoning code requirements in other Maryland counties. No zoning code requirements were found for AAM and SMRs.

EAC Member Action Items:

- All Research potential community impacts for the new land uses and summarize before the June 17 meeting.

Reference/Attachment(s):

N/A

6. OTHER –**a. Charlotte's Quest NatureFest Event**

- The EAC was invited to participate in Charlotte's Quest NatureFest on July 11. Members discussed the event and will determine if enough members are available to participate.

EAC Member Action Items:

- N/A

b. EAC's Display for Public Outreach Events

- Members discussed ideas for providing a more engaging display at the outreach events in which the EAC participates. Several small actions will be pursued. A tablecloth or table sign can be made to identify the EAC more clearly. Coloring pages and Carroll County environmental trivia questions for kids will be created and printed. A summary of some of the prior EAC projects will be developed as a handout. Copies of the 2026 meeting dates will be available.

EAC Member Action Items:

- All
 - Find free, printable coloring pages – by June 17
 - Identify potential environmental trivia questions – by June 17

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS –

- None.

8. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING –

- The meeting ended at 4:48 PM. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 3:00 PM in Room 204 of the County Office Building.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT – MOTION 520-26: Motion was made by Craig Connell and seconded by Amy Hardesty to adjourn the May 20, 2026, meeting. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

 Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, June 17, 2026 @ 3:00 PM, Room 204, COB