

Montgomery County - Water Quality Advisory Group Meeting

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June 10, 2019 (7:00 - 8:30 pm) – DRAFT Minutes

DEP Conference Room, 255 Rockville Pike, #120, Rockville

Member and affiliation	Present		Others in attendance and affiliation
	Yes	No	
Kate Bennett, DEP	x		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patty Bubar, Deputy Director of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). • Adam Ortiz, Director of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).
Bob Buglass, WSSC	x		
Keith Brooks, Co-Chair, Public-at-Large	x		
Philip Browne, Public-at-Large		x	
Crystal Calarusse, Public-at-Large	x		
Michael Carmel, Public-at-Large		x	
Michael McAvey, Public-at-Large	x		
Pamela Rathbone, Public-at-Large	x		
Tracy Rouleau, Co-Chair, Academic/Scientific	x		
Monika Shepard, Public-at-Large		x	
Linda Silversmith, Public-at-Large	x		
Tim Stemann, Business		x	
Amy Stevens, DEP	x		
Mark Symborski, MNCPPC		x	
Allison Wright, Environmental	x		
Agenda Item	Major Points		
I. Introductions	The meeting was called to order about 7:10 pm.		
II. Reading and approval of the minutes.	Members read and reviewed the May minutes. The minutes were accepted without a formal vote of approval and will be posted on the Water Quality Advisory Group (WQAG) website.		
III. Reports of Special Committees.	Adam Ortiz joined the meeting to introduce himself and have a discussion with the group. Mr. Ortiz gave a general overview of his priorities and provided updates on the DBM project. He mentioned the DBM will likely be tweaked based on new assumptions to meet new expectations from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). Mr. Ortiz reiterated his priorities of bringing more precision and efficiency into the DEP projects through aggregation, as well as		

	<p>enhancing workforce development and pipelines. Members expressed their interest in issues like increasing the effectiveness of community engagement and understanding the level of support for stormwater management from new county leadership.</p> <p>Regarding the DBM contract, Amy Stevens clarified the new timeline. DEP is waiting on MDE for draft permit. Public comment likely June 30. Permit effective Jan 1, 2020. Members expressed concerns about these delays and concern that the county will be in the same situation next year. Ms. Stevens clarified that some projects are moving forward.</p> <p>The members asked for updates on the DBM and permit information as it comes in by email, given the long stretch of time until the next in-person meeting.</p> <p>Additionally, Pam Rathbone updated the group on the Breewood Watershed Restoration Projects event, highlighting the good descriptions and promotion of green technologies. DEP staff noted that there is new data on hydrology and developing data on nutrients.</p>
<p>IV. Unfinished Business and General Orders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Officer Election</u>: Pam Rathbone was nominated and elected to the position of co-chair of the committee. • <u>Updates</u>: The WQAG annual report was sent to DEP, the County Council, and the County Executive, along with a cover letter outlining the priorities of the group. • <u>Meeting Calendar</u>: The next meeting will be a Green Streets Tour on July 8 at 7 pm. Meet at Northwood Presbyterian parking lot. The September meeting will include an update on the new permit, if applicable. • <u>Vacancies</u>: New applications are expected some time around the middle of August. Three members volunteered for the interview panel: Crystal Calarusse, Mike McAvey, and Pam Rathbone. Kate Bennett will send around the standard questions that were asked last year. • <u>Training</u>: A reminder was given that one person has yet to complete the committee training. • <u>Future Discussions</u>: See the List of Priority Topics below
<p>V. Adjournment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be a field trip on July 8. • The next regular meeting will be September 9. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keith Brooks volunteered to take notes at the next meeting.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 pm.
Action Item Registry		
List of Priority Topics		
Rank	Subject Area	Topic
1	Stormwater	Expert panel on water quality benefits on stream restorations (Tom Schueler &/or Pamela Parker)
2	Wastewater	10-Year Water and Sewer Plan (Winter 2018)
3	Stormwater	Chesapeake Bay TMDL, nutrient trading, and growth offsets
4	Other	Elrich and new administration priorities for water quality
5	Other	Mont. Co. Sustainability Committee report & water related issues [TBD]
6	Wastewater	WSSC drinking water testing for EPA unregulated contaminants - Annette [On Hold]
7	Wastewater	WSSC discharges from Potomac Filtration Plant and the ensuing litigation [TBD]
8	Wastewater	Blue Plains and Seneca Treatment Plants Tours
9	Stormwater	Quantitative approaches to stormwater management (MS4, BMPs)
10	Other	Educational Outreach – Other Organizations
11	Stormwater	Rainscapes Update
12	Stormwater	Local water quality. How does it fit in to the new strategies articulated last year and moving forward? All the projects that were cancelled-- what is the new strategy in those neighborhoods?
13	Parks	Lakes. Needwood, Clopper, etc. Can someone explain the water quality issues? Are the cyanobacteria issues entirely related to structure or are there pollution concerns that could be addressed to improve quality?
14	Other	Community gardening
15	Other	Continue discussions on communicating the benefits of improved water quality
16	Parks	Geese and deer management (Potential speakers from DNR)
17	Other	One DEP--what is it and how does it work?
18	Wastewater	Replacing all public urinals in Montgomery county with waterless urinals
19	Parks	MNCPPC topics
20	Stormwater	Meeting on trash
21	Stormwater	ESC plan transparency – Dan [On Hold]