

Montgomery County - Water Quality Advisory Group Meeting

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/water/water-quality-advisory-group.html>

March 11, 2019 (7:00 - 8:30 pm) – Minutes

DEP Regular 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).
Paul Billingsley, 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 by Keith Brooks. Mike McAvey was the notetaker.		
II. Reading and approval of the minutes.	Members read and reviewed the December minutes. The minutes were accepted without a formal vote of approval and will be posted on the Water Quality Advisory Group (WQAG) website. [The January and February meetings were cancelled due to weather.]		
III. Reports of Special Committees.	<p>Ms. Bubar reviewed recent DEP activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new DEP Director, Adam Ortiz, has been appointed and intends to focus on communications with Department staff, 		

	<p>the council, and the public and to make the Department more efficient.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bids have been received for the Design/Build/Maintain (DBM) procurement but the award is being delayed because the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) has delayed reissuing the County's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. The contract type may be changed.• The state regulator is looking at all aspects of water management. <p>Amy Stevens reported the completion of the annual MS4 permit report required by the Clean Water Act. Major Accomplishments in FY18 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restored 681 impervious acres, bringing the total to date to 3,604 acres (95% of the goal of 3,778 acres)• Conducted 4,877 inspections of stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)• Ensured that preventive maintenance of 5,628 BMPs was conducted• The Department of Permitting Services (DPS) continued to administer the County's Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) program• Continued to implement a highly effective illicit discharge detection program• Continued to coordinate with partners for trash removal programs• Continued to implement street sweeping program• Continued to increase public education and outreach, reaching more than 30,000 attendees at 243 events• Continued to update data management procedures to add urban BMPs to the County BMP database<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1,088 BMPs added in FY18 for a total of 13,039 facilities. <p>Note: the current permit expired in February 2015 and has been administratively continued by MDE.</p> <p>The slides from the FY18 MS4 Annual Report Summary presentation have been posted to the WQAG web page: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/advisory-group.htm</p> <p>The full FY18 MS4 Annual Report, Final Consent Decree Completion Report and Financial Assurance Plan are all available here: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/stormwater/ms4.html</p>
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<p>IV. Unfinished Business and General Orders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Status of Vacancies:</u> The WQAG currently has 4 vacancies, and two more members will step down in May. Currently there are no agricultural representatives, and only one representative each for academic, environmental and business. We hope to advertise for new members in April. • <u>Meeting Calendar:</u> Kate Bennett has placed the WQAG meeting dates for 2019 on the official calendars. • <u>Group Discussions:</u> The group discussed the water quality protection charge, the need to increase cooperation between the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) and the DEP, the need to treat homeowners and small entities equitably in the DEP’s new program for self-inspections of residential stormwater management, and better ways to display data. • <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 on April 8, 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pamela Rathbone will take notes at the April meeting. • The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 pm.
<p>Action Item Registry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WQAG members are to review the list of priority topics before the next meeting and email any new topics to Kate Bennett. • Current WQAG members who have not yet done so should send the completion certificates for the two 2018 training requirements to Kate Bennett.
<p>List of Priority Topics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-Year Water and Sewer Plan (Winter 2018) • Educational Outreach – Other Organizations • Blue Plains and Seneca Treatment Plants Tours • RainScapes Update • Geese and deer management – Potential speakers from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) • Expert panel on water quality benefits on stream restorations (Tom Schueler and/or Pamela Parker) • Community gardening • Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) plan transparency [On Hold] • Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), nutrient trading, and growth offsets • Montgomery County Sustainability Committee Report and water related issues [TBD]

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WSSC discharges from Potomac Filtration Plant and the ensuing litigation [TBD]• WSSC drinking water testing for EPA unregulated contaminants [On Hold]• Quantitative approaches to stormwater management
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