

Montgomery County - Water Quality Advisory Group Meeting

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May 13, 2019 (7:00 - 8:30 pm) – DRAFT 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) • Alan Soukup, Senior Planner, Water and Wastewater Policy Group (WWPG), DEP • Nasser Kamazani, Senior Engineer, WWPG, 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 by Tracy Rouleau at 7pm.		
II. Reading and approval of the minutes.	The April 2019 minutes were reviewed and accepted without a formal vote of approval.		
III. New Business	<p>County Water and Sewer Plan, Water and Wastewater Policy Group of DEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Soukup presented a power point presentation of the update to the County water/sewer master plan • Link to website: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/supply/cou nty-water-plan.html • Presentation: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/Resources/Fil es/downloads/water/advisory-group/Water-and-Sewer-Plan-101-2019-05-13.pdf • Main points – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Latest update 2018 (approved March 2019) ○ Technical updates yearly, full update 2012 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MDE reviews and approves updates ○ Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) also comments on master plans, state policies, etc. ○ Chapter 1 covers policies ○ Chapter 2 covers background info on natural/man-made environments, population projections ○ Chapters 3 and 4 cover existing water and sewer respectively, along with planning efforts and new expansions needed ○ Appendices include Category maps (GIS/Arcmap) ● Michael C. had a question on extension costs and Alan noted that they are paid by the property owner but that DEP planning costs are covered by the general fund ● Crystal raised a question on what section is of most interest to WQAG, Alan noted most likely it would be policy, but also could include areas with issues/overflows, and Paul noted those issues/overflows are noted on WSSCs website ● Tracy asked about climate change planning, Alan said that Chapter 3 outlines drought planning, requirements for mandatory restrictions ● Keith asked about failing septic systems and the idea of bringing in neighbors to share extension costs, Alan noted this is the way it was done previously (the front foot assessment charge) and they are looking for a similar new policy
<p>IV. Reports of Officers, Boards, Standing Committees.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Final Draft of WQAG Annual Report was approved – to be sent to the Council
<p>V. Reports of Special Committees.</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>
<p>VI. Special Orders.</p>	<p>Planning for July Green Streets Field Trip –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Amy showed the new map DEP is working on which shows the various DEP stormwater facilities/retrofits/etc. ● Areas to visit: Franklin Knolls, Arcola (one of first sites) is nearby, Breewood Neighborhood – could provide a nice example of what was done previously and the newer designs, but walking and traffic may be an issue ● A Breewood event is being held on June 8 to mark the completion of watershed retrofits ● Itinerary to be provided next time for discussion
<p>VII. Unfinished Business and General Orders.</p>	<p>a. <u>Discussion of Priority Topics for future WQAG meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● List has been revised with new point calculations ● Planned visitors for now:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June – Adam Ortiz (?) • September – enforcement (DEQ) • October – Water Quality/Stream Restoration expert (Tom Schueler?) <p>b. <u>Status of Vacancies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was Paul Billingsley’s last meeting, the new WSSC rep will attend the June meeting • The WQAG Vacancies were advertised from May 15 through June 5 • Spread the word! <p>c. <u>Mandatory Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder to WQAG members to complete training. 	
VIII. Adjournment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting June 10 • Notetaker – Crystal • Speakers – Adam Ortiz (possibly) 	
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]