

Montgomery County - Water Quality Advisory Group Meeting

May 9, 2022 (7:00 - 8:30 pm) – DRAFT Minutes

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Staff Liaison Miranda Reid, DEP (miranda.reid@montgomerycountymd.gov)

Member and affiliation	Present		Others in attendance and affiliation
	Yes	No	
Ken Bawer, Public-at-Large		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Weyand, Watershed Restoration Specialist, City of Gaithersburg Stormwater Management Program • Beth Forbes, Stormwater Project Manager, City of Gaithersburg • Ryan Zerbe, Watershed Outreach Planner, Montgomery County DEP
Keith Brooks, Public-at-Large	X		
Bob Buglass, Public Agency, WSSC	X		
Michael Carmel, Public-at-Large	X		
Andrew Der, Public-at-Large		X	
El Hadji Fall, Academic/Scientific		X	
Michael McAvey, Public-at-Large	X		
Pamela Rathbone, Co-Chair, Public-at-Large	X		
Miranda Reid, DEP	X		
Tracy Rouleau, Co-Chair, Academic/Scientific	X		
Linda Silversmith, Public-at-Large	X		
Tim Stemann, Business	X		
Amy Stevens, Public Agency, DEP	X		
Mark Symborski, Public Agency, MNCPPC	X		
Allison Wright, Environmental	X		

Agenda Item	Major Points
I. Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chair Tracy Rouleau.
II. Reading and approval of the minutes.	Minutes of the April 11, 2022 were presented. Linda Silversmith made a motion to approve the minutes and Michael Carmel seconded. The minutes were approved as written.
III. New Business.	<p><u>Social Sciences applied to Gaithersburg environmental programs</u></p> <p>Michael Weyand, Watershed Restoration Specialist, City of Gaithersburg Stormwater Management Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social science applied in City of Gaithersburg in its environmental programs. Michael Weyand defined Social Science as any branch of academic study or science that deals with human behavior in its social and cultural aspects. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Social science in context2. Applying social science3. Grassroots program4. Art to bind <p>Goal is fostering healthy watersheds through stewardship and community. How social sciences are used to inform public of environmental process. Creating a sense of place in Gaithersburg. Bonding with specific locations. Grassroot programs are necessary. Programs are best when they come from the community. Environmental issues need to be addressed to all residents including seniors and</p>

	<p>youth groups and should be tied to health and economic needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key Takeaways <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Social science encourages healthy mindsets.2. Social science helps us resonate with others.3. Social science can form narratives. <p>Narrative forms mindsets, mindsets set agendas, and agendas set policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How does applied social science happen? <p>Audience Research Action Research Community Surveys Motivational Interviews Focus Groups Other Placed-based Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some examples of applied social science in the City of Gaithersburg: <p>Stormwater Equity Assessment Map</p> <p>Chesapeake Bay stewardship survey</p> <p>Diamond Farms Homes Sustainability Action Plan</p> <p>Salting Practices – Mindful salting</p> <p>The Art of Clean Water</p> <p>Storm Drain Art Contest</p> <p>Paint the plow</p>
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	<p>Creating a sense of place</p> <p>Gaithersburg Strategic Plan</p> <p>Gaithersburg Rainscape Rewards program</p> <p>Storm water signage (in both English and Spanish)</p> <p><u>b. Draft Stream Restoration Sub-committee Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracy Rouleau extended the draft comment period on the Stream Restoration Report for two weeks until May 22. Vote of the WQAG to be held at the June 13th meeting <p><u>c. July 11th meeting field trip</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheaton for storm drain art on July 11 • Recycling facility in fall
<p>IV. Reports of Officers, Boards, Standing Committees.</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>
<p>V. Reports of Special Committees.</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>
<p>VI. Special Orders.</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>
<p>VII. Unfinished Business and General Orders.</p>	<p>a. Update Priority Speaker Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miranda Reid will schedule Alan Soukup of DEP to discuss the Water & Sewer Plan update once it has been released. • DEP to discuss climate change impact on water quality and quantity in Montgomery County.
<p>VIII. Adjournment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting is set for June 13, 2022.

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