

Montgomery County - Water Quality Advisory Group Meeting

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September 9, 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"> James Craig, Maryland Department of the Environment, District Manager. Mary Travaglini, Montgomery County DEP, Planning Specialist III. Frank Dawson, Montgomery County DEP, Watershed Restoration Division Chief. Drew Budelis, Versar.
Bob Buglass, WSSC	x		
Keith Brooks, 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, Co-Chair, 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 7:04 pm.		
II. Reading and approval of the minutes.	Kate Bennett will send the June minutes for the members to review and the members will approve the minutes at the October meeting.		
III. Reports of Special Committees.	<p>MDE Enforcement and Compliance of Erosion and Sediment Control:</p> <p>MDE Enforcement Compliance Supervisor for the Western Maryland Office, James Craig, spoke to the group.</p> <p>MDE oversees compliance involving sediment control, stormwater management, wetlands and waterways. Montgomery County has delegated authority to manage erosion and sediment control issues for private projects within Montgomery County (MDE maintains responsibility for</p>		

	<p>compliance at state and federal projects), and involves MDE when local enforcement is ineffective. Erosion and Sediment Control is not an issue within Montgomery County because, according to James Craig, Montgomery County has an outstanding program. Montgomery County issues citations onsite.</p> <p>James Craig said that communication with Montgomery County is great and that MDE has a good relationship with Montgomery County DEP.</p> <p>Tracy Rouleau asked, “What are the biggest problems...that are causing stormwater to be problematic?” James Craig responded that the industrial stormwater permits just changed, and the biggest problem was restoration for land larger than 5 acres – converting 20% of the impervious surface into bioretention ponds. The 20% has to be met every cycle – every 5 years. The individuals who hold the credits either do not know how to sell the credits or inform others that they have the credits. Stormwater and restoration on land under 5 acres is being fairly well enforced.</p> <p>Michael Carmel asked, “Is there any proactive enforcement? Everything seems to be reactionary.” James Craig responded that there are less issues with sites that have preconstruction meetings than the sites that do not have preconstruction meetings. Preconstruction meetings are scheduled based on the size of a project, as well as topography, proximity to water, impaired waters, etc. Some projects have dedicated inspectors to them – for example, the Purple Line Project. Montgomery County DEP oversees private projects within Montgomery County and DEP has an inspector at the sites every day for restoration purposes.</p> <p>Currently, MDE has 30 inspectors and used to have 68 inspectors. However, if MDE receives a complaint, MDE will quickly respond to that complaint.</p> <p>Mary Travaglini asked for advice on how to make small scale projects more effective at stormwater and erosion control. James Craig responded that preconstruction meetings are beneficial. Also, the permits have BMPs (best management practices) and can assist with stormwater and erosion control.</p>
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	<p>Mary Travaglini was the second speaker at the meeting, and she provided a broad summary of the new Montgomery County pesticide Law, Montgomery County Code Chapter 33B (MCC Chapt. 33B) (hereinafter MC Pesticide Law).</p> <p>The MC Pesticide Law applies to property owners, businesses, and retailers.</p> <p>Changes in the new law include, but are not limited to: (1) categorizing pesticides as either “listed” or “registered”; (2) instructing new signage requirements; and (3) identifying certain exemptions, such as utility rights-of-way, agricultural operations, and state and federal land.</p> <p>Montgomery County DEP will be conducting an educational campaign to educate the public regarding the new law’s requirements.</p>
<p>IV. Unfinished Business and General Orders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Vacancies</u>: Received 1 new applicant. Currently, there are 9 active voting members (which includes Linda Silversmith and Keith Brooks). Monika Shepard officially stepped down. Linda Silversmith and Keith Brooks agreed to serve as members, subject to Council approval. • <u>Training</u>: A reminder was given for mandatory training. • <u>Future Discussions</u>: See the List of Priority Topics below
<p>V. Adjournment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned at about 8:35 pm. • The next meeting is set for October 21st. • Tracy Rouleau agreed to take notes for the October 21st meeting. • Anticipated speakers for the October meeting are DEP Director Adam Ortiz and Adriana Hochberg.
<p>Action Item Registry</p>	
<p>List of Priority Topics</p>	
<p>Rank</p>	<p>Subject Area Topic</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>Stormwater Expert panel on water quality benefits on stream restorations (Tom Schueler &/or Pamela Parker)</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Wastewater 10-Year Water and Sewer Plan (Winter 2018)</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Stormwater Chesapeake Bay TMDL, nutrient trading, and growth offsets</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Other Elrich and new administration priorities for water quality</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Other Mont. Co. Sustainability Committee report & water related issues [TBD]</p>

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]