

Montgomery County - Water Quality Advisory Group Meeting

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February 10, 2020 (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"> Tom Schueler, Executive Director of Chesapeake Stormwater Network
Keith Brooks, Public-at-Large	x		
Bob Buglass, Public Agency, WSSC	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 (phone)		
Linda Silversmith, Public-at-Large	x		
Tim Stemann, Business	x		
Amy Stevens, Public Agency, DEP	x		
Mark Symborski, Public Agency, MNCPPC		x	
Alison Wright, Environmental		x	
Agenda Item	Major Points		
I. Introductions	The meeting was called to order about 7:10 pm. Crystal Calarusse was the notetaker.		
II. Reading and approval of the minutes.	Minutes were approved with no amendments.		

<p>III. Reports of Special Committees.</p>	<p>Tom Schueler presented on Chesapeake Bay Stream Restoration Crediting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stream restoration as a growing BMP • Currently revisiting stream practice report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Criteria for assessing stream projects ○ Gulleys ○ Use of armoring ○ Floodplain reconnections • Q&A on Bay goals
<p>IV. Unfinished Business and General Orders.</p>	<p>Climate Action Town Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members should attend if possible and prepare to develop comments as necessary. • Event is Feb. 27 from 6-8pm at United Therapeutics Building 1110 Spring St., Silver Spring. https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/green/climate/climate-action-planning.html#/?i=1 <p>WQAG Annual Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of draft and minor modifications suggested. Due March 1. Will be revised over email and submitted. <p>Montgomery County Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital budget has been released. To be discussed at next meeting as it relates to DEP. <p>Status of Vacancies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site is now operating again to advertise vacancies. Need 6 more members, now that two existing members have been approved to serve a third term. Advertise openings in community papers or county communications like Paperless Airplane. Members are encouraged to use personal connections to inspire applications.
<p>V. Adjournment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be on March 9, 2020. • Keith Brooks will take notes at the March meeting. • The next meeting will feature a discussion of the Climate Action plan workgroup recommendations and the capital budget. • The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 pm.
<p>Action Item Registry</p>	

List of Priority Topics		
Rank	Subject Area	Topic
1	Stormwater	Chesapeake Bay TMDL, nutrient trading, and growth offsets
2	Other	Elrich and new administration priorities for water quality
3	Other	Mont. Co. Sustainability Committee report & water related issues
4	Wastewater	WSSC discharges from Potomac Filtration Plant and the ensuing litigation
5	Wastewater	Blue Plains and Seneca Treatment Plants Tours
6	Stormwater	Quantitative approaches to stormwater management (MS4, BMPs)
7	Other	Educational Outreach – Other Organizations
8	Stormwater	RainScapes Update
9	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?
10	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?
11	Other	Community gardening
12	Other	Continue discussions on communicating the benefits of improved water quality
13	Parks	Geese and deer management (Potential speakers from DNR)
14	Other	One DEP--what is it and how does it work?
15	Wastewater	Replacing all public urinals in Montgomery county with waterless urinals
16	Parks	MNCPPC topics
17	Stormwater	Meeting on trash
18	Stormwater	Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) plan transparency
List of Completed Topics		
Date	Subject Area	Topic
5/13/19	Wastewater	10-Year Water and Sewer Plan (Winter 2018)
9/9/19	Stormwater	MDE's Enforcement Program
10/21/19, 11/18/19	Wastewater	WSSC drinking water testing for EPA unregulated contaminants
2/10/20	Stormwater	Expert panel on water quality benefits on stream restorations (Tom Schueler)