

Montgomery County - Water Quality Advisory Group Meeting  
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June 14, 2021 (7:00 - 8:30 pm) – Draft Minutes  
 Microsoft Teams Online Meeting  
 (+1 443-692-5768 United States, Baltimore (Toll)  
 Conference ID: 386 899 686#)

I. Introductions

| Member and affiliation                       | Present |    | Others in attendance and affiliation |
|--|---------|----|--------------------------------------|
|  | Yes     | No |                                      |
| Ken Bawer, Public-at-Large                   | X       |    |                                      |
| 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   |
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| I. Introductions   | The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Tracy Rouleau.   |
| II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes                  | Minutes for May were approved.   |
| III. New Business  | <p><u>Discussion on stream restoration – next steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Created a drafting workgroup to create 3-5 recommendations on stream restoration, or points that WQAG agrees/disagrees with on how stream restoration should be addressed.</li> <li>• Consists of the background on what the WQAG knows, issues that have been raised to the rest of the group and the WQAG’s opinions on those issues.</li> <li>• Stream Restoration Working Group volunteers: Tracy Rouleau, Ken Bawer, Mike McAvey, Keith Brooks, and tentatively Linda Silversmith</li> </ul> <p><u>Discussion on County Reopening – WQAG meeting options moving forward</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WQAG usually meets 11 times out of the year</li> <li>• High level of support toward continuing eight 100% virtual meetings and three in-person meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In-person meetings will be in spring (April), July (fieldtrip), and fall (October) at the new DEP Wheaton office.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• In-person meetings will have optional teams calls.</li> <li>• First in person meeting to being in October 2021.</li> <li>• Revisit virtual vs. in person option in June 2022.</li> </ul> |
| IV. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees | None at this time.   |
| V. Reports of Special Committees                         | None at this time.   |
| VI. Special Orders                                       | None at this time.   |
| VII. Unfinished Business and General Orders              | <p><u>Thrive Montgomery 2050 – previous WQAG comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed April 2021 Planning Board draft and the general plan draft does not mention protecting drinking water or water supply.</li> <li>• Will provide a comment to the Council on WQAG’s recommendation to add a sentence into the plan regarding drinking water and water supply protections.</li> </ul>   |
| VIII. Adjournment  | <p>Next meeting is July 12, 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stream Restoration Field Trip to view the Falls Reach Stream restoration project in the Watts Branch Watershed.</li> <li>• DEP staff who worked on design construction phases will be joining</li> </ul>  |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will send out information for parking and meeting points. There's a walking path along the stream for easy access to the project.</li><li>• Councilmember Evan Glass will be in attendance</li></ul> |
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No meeting in August.

Notetaker for September Meeting will be Tim Stemann.

Stream Restoration working group will provide information to the group in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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| <b>2021 Priority Speaker Topics</b> |                     |  |              |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--|--------------|
| <b>Rank</b>                         | <b>Subject Area</b> | <b>Topic</b>   | <b>Votes</b> |
| 1                                   | Other               | Understanding how climate change impacts water quality in Montgomery County                | 5            |
| 2                                   | Stormwater          | Meeting on trash – (February/March) – DEP/Alice Ferguson Foundation                        | 3            |
| 3                                   | Stormwater          | Twice a year updates from Stormwater Partners Stream Restoration Working Group             | 2            |
| 4 (tie)                             | Wastewater          | WSSC discharges from Potomac Filtration Plant and the ensuing litigation, sewage overflows | 1            |
| 4 (tie)                             | Stormwater          | Quantitative approaches to stormwater management (MS4, BMPs) (Quarterly updates?)          | 1            |
| 4 (tie)                             | Stormwater          | RainScapes Update – 2022   | 1            |
| 4 (tie)                             | Stormwater          | Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) plan transparency                                       | 1            |
| 4 (tie)                             | Other               | DOT Street Tree Policy   | 1            |
| 9                                   | Other               | Mont. Co. Sustainability Committee report & water related issues                           | 0            |
| 10                                  | Wastewater          | Blue Plains and Seneca Treatment Plants Tours (July field trip)                            | 0            |
| 11                                  | Other               | Educational Outreach – Other Organizations   | 0            |
| 12                                  | Other               | Community gardening  | 0            |
| 13                                  | Other               | Continue discussions on communicating the benefits of improved water quality               | 0            |
| 14                                  | Other               | Communications update from DEP   | 0            |
| 15                                  | Wastewater          | Replacing all public urinals in Montgomery county with waterless urinals                   | 0            |
| 16                                  | Parks               | MNCPPC topics (invasive species)   | 0            |