

Member and affiliation	Present		Others in attendance and affiliation
	Yes	No	
Trudi Bick, public-at-large	X		Guy Hager, Parks & People Foundation
Beth Forbes, public-at-large	X		
Erica Goldman, scientific/academic	X		
Paul Hlavinka, public-at-large	X		
Daphne Pee, public-at-large	X		
Annette Rosenblum, scientific/academic		X	
Scott Roser, business		X	
Fred Samadani, agricultural	X		
Danila Sheveiko, business	X		
Tanya Spano, environmental		X	
Cameron Tana, public-at-large	X		
Edgard Tellez-Morales, public-at-large	X		
Patrick Walsh, environmental	X		
Martin Chandler, WSSC	X		
Pam Parker, DEP	X		
Mark Symborski MNCPPC	X		
Agenda Item	Major Points		
7:00 PM Meeting opens Guy Hager, Parks & People Foundation	<p>Guy Hager of the Parks &amp; People Foundation (PPF) provided a presentation on a storm water run-off reduction project in Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Hager said that the PPF was started 30 years ago to address environmental issues and public outreach in Baltimore. According to Mr. Hager, about 15 years ago the city of Baltimore began to consider ways to reduce storm water run-off to achieve compliance with its storm water permit. The watershed was quite large, and was broken down into storm sheds. Mr. Hager described Project 263 which was started in 2005 to reduce run-off on a mostly urbanized 935 acre area. Through a public-private partnership, PPF worked with the city to increase green space and develop green corridors connecting open spaces, with the goal being to improve water quality. PPF encouraged utilization of low impact design techniques, and strong community involvement. Issues encountered included engineering firms unfamiliarity with LED techniques, maintenance of projects, resident's rejection of native plants, and zoning laws which prohibit agricultural activities including community gardens. Project 263 efforts have resulted in improved water quality, increased public awareness of water quality issues, increased interest in environmental issues, increased property values, and decrease in crime. Details of the project are available on the WQAG website.</p>		
8:25 PM Danila Sheveiko and Patrick Walsh	<p>Approval of the September 2012 meeting minutes and the agenda for tonight's meeting.</p>		

<p>8:30 PM Streamlining Development Initiative.</p>	<p>Beth Forbes provided an update on the County’s Streamlining Development Initiative. Discussions to date address the following environmental concerns: surface water, soil conservation, forest preservation. Recommendations include identification of conflicts early in the permitting process, and inclusion of environmental site design early in the process. Danila Sheveiko noted that participations were mainly from the development community, and recommended broader participation.</p>
<p>8:35 PM Ten Mile Creek/Clarksburg Stage 4 Development</p>	<p>Danila Sheveiko and Mark Symborski provided an update on the Ten Mile Creek and Clarksburg development. The original Master Plan prepared in 1994 by the MNCPPC did not address completely how development in the area would impact Ten Mile Creek west of Route 270. The Master Plan includes stages with triggers which impact the number of building permits that are issued. Currently, the County Council is considering requests from developers to increase water and sewer infrastructure to facilitate additional development. This would require an amendment to the Master Plan which typically takes 2 years, the Council has said they would like this issue resolved in 1 year. It was noted that Ten Mile Creek is in good condition with a high quality biotic index and supports extensive wildlife including some rare species. In a related matter, Paul Hlavinka volunteered to draft a letter to the County Council in support of increasing the number of streams in Montgomery County receiving a Tier II designation.</p>
<p>8:50 PM Sewer Art</p>	<p>Patrick Walsh said he had been unsuccessful in getting a response from the Department of Transportation regarding the sewer art project. Pam Parker said she would help with finding a specific contact within DOT.</p>
<p>8:55 PM Miscellaneous</p>	<p>The WQAG agreed to skip meeting in November because of scheduling conflicts with Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.</p>
<p>9:00 PM Meeting adjourned</p>	<p>Next meeting December 10, 2012</p>

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7:00 PM Meeting convened Danila Sheveiko and Patrick Walsh	Approval of the December 10, 2012 meeting agenda. Meeting minutes from October 2012 meeting approved. WQAG annual report due to the County Council in March, 2013.		
7:10 PM DPS Streamlining Development Roundtable  Beth Forbes	Draft streamlining initiatives were posted on the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (MCDPS) website at <a href="http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/streamlinedevelopment/StreamliningDevelopment.aspx">http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/streamlinedevelopment/StreamliningDevelopment.aspx</a> . Beth Forbes voted online for the Development Review Committee (DRC). With regards to the forest conservation initiative, the DRC recommended approving permits without delineation. The State of Maryland must approve Environmental Site design practices that are not described in Chapter 5 of the Storm water design manual. The County needs to get State approval for non-standard Environmental Site Design (ESD) practices. Private consultants must get approval from the county and can't go directly to the State for approval. The County is considering updating Special Protection Areas (SPAs). SPA regulations are for the most part redundant for sites that provide ESD to the Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP). Both the County and developers want the County to conduct SPA monitoring. Fees to fund the monitoring must be developed. The current monitoring requirement of 5 years is too short; anything less than 10 years is hydrologically insignificant.		
7:25 PM ESD Microscale Practice Committee  Scott Roser	The ESD Microscale Practice Committee is a public/private partnership established two years ago to assist the County in preparing guidance documents for the design of ESD practices in Montgomery County. Membership includes interested design engineers and Mark Etheridge of MCDPS. The committee has provided DPS with recommendations for ESD including a hierarchy of practices. Rankings are based on frequency		

	<p>of use. The committee is just beginning to consider pervious concrete. For pervious pavers; the manufacturers have to demonstrate infiltration rates. Micro-bio retention has been shown to be effective in treating large areas, being most efficient and cost effective. The County standards are more restrictive than the State standards. The State design guidance documents are not always clear. Goal is to develop consistent interpretation of guidance. Mark Symborski asked how much design actually is reflected in ESD, and suggested that a change in perceptions was needed. Scott Roser noted that the process is evolving. Danila Sheveiko noted that design includes a balance of competing interests. He also asked if the permitting process is too long for some projects, noting that a rain garden can require 10 hours of staff time for review.</p>
<p>8:00 PM Clarksburg Master Plan Scott Roser</p>	<p>The County Council has referred the Clarksburg Master Plan to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission for review. At issue is how and if the WQAG should offer an opinion on the requested changes. Scott, who led the discussion, noted that he also represents his company at the Gaithersburg – Germantown Chamber of Commerce where a developer recently made a presentation of a proposed development within the Ten Mile Creek watershed. If the WQAG decides to offer an opinion on water quality related changes to the master plan, Scott and other members felt it was important to hear from both sides of the issues, and discussed how best to provide a fair and balanced format for discussion. Scott said it was important for discussion to be balanced and based on science. Members discussed the impact of capping impervious surfaces including antecedent land use, and acceptable risk to the environment by any development. Tanya Spano asked about the appropriate level of involvement for the WQAG. Danila Sheveiko suggested that the group might hear from both sides of the issue, and then decide how to respond. Scott noted that the WQAG operates in an open meeting format and that there needed to be an opportunity for rebuttal. Pam Parker said the Master Plan would be open for comment. Pulte builders were suggested as a representative of the development community, and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the environmental community. It was noted that an ad hoc water quality working group made up of County staff has been established to evaluate the impact of modifying the Master Plan. Paul Hlavinka said he would contact the DNR and Diane Cameron of the Audubon Society for possible input on this issue.</p>
<p>8:45 PM Sewer Art Patrick Walsh</p>	<p>Staff from the Department of Transportation has not returned calls, Pam Parker will provide a new contact. Tanya suggested contacting Strathmore for artistic contacts.</p>
<p>9:00 PM</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned</p>