

## Montgomery County - Water Quality Advisory Group Meeting May 12, 2025 (7:00 - 8:30 pm) – Notes

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/advisory-group.html>

- I. Introductions and welcome.
  - a. Notetaker: Amanda Rockler
  - b. In attendance: Amy, Phil, Linda, Allison, Bob, Mark, Keith, Amanda
- II. Review of the April 14, 2025, meeting summary.
  - a. Approved May 12, 2025 7:30 pm
- III. New Business.
  - a. Montgomery County DEP Operating Budget 2026 Overview, Amy Stevens, Division Chief, Watershed Restoration Division (see Amy's slides)
    - 1. Capital versus Operating (day-to-day operations, annual)
      - a. CIP operating budget funds major projects
    - 2. Questions:
      - a. Q: Where is stream restoration in the budget? What is the budget for stream restoration?
        - i. Paid for out of the capital budget, \$44 million estimated expenditures
          - 1. Cost/impervious acre estimate: stream restoration \$51,106 versus GI \$280,336
      - b. Q: Why do we look at 2021 as a date for capital projects?
        - 1. We are operating under a 2021 permit (5-year term). MoCo is in its four<sup>th</sup> permit, the first one issued in 1996.
      - c. Q: What is our role as a committee group in the budget review?
        - i. There is potential to review and provide comments. It is too late for 2026, but we could weigh in on the 2027 budget.
        - ii. CIP budget January 15 – review in February, but analysis would need to be done ahead of time
        - iii. Operating budget March 15- review in April, but analysis would need to be done ahead of time
        - iv. Discussion about adding an action item to revisit the budget review in November meeting to plan for providing feedback
  - b. Finalize 2025 speaker list.
    - i. June, Mike Sharp, Reforestation Ideal Density, and How to Identify Pool Density
    - ii. July, Invite Laura Miller, Tree Montgomery
    - iii. August, Break (no meeting)
    - iv. September, ICPRB, Travilah Quarry as water supply source
    - v. October, MWCOG, Drought Management
    - vi. November, Urban BMPs
    - vii. December, Watershed Assessment- Countywide Trend Analysis
    - viii. January, Flood Management Plan

- c. A dedicated email for this group is being created by DEP staff
- d. Annual Report (due annually in March goes to the Executive)
  - i. We will revisit this in January of 2026 and submit 2 years of work by the March 2026 deadline instead of submitting a 1 year report late this year.

IV. Reports of Officers, Boards, Standing Committees.

- a. None at this time

V. Reports of Special Committees.

- a. None at this time

VI. Special Orders.

- a. None at this time

VII. Unfinished Business and General Orders.

VIII. Adjournment.

- a. June 9, 2025, Field Trip (in person), 6:30 pm start, Layhill
  - i. Mike Sharp speaker, Montgomery Planning
- b. Next meeting July 14, 2025, virtual