



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Acting Director

February 15, 2018

Mr. Benjamin Grumbles, Secretary
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

Dear Mr. Grumbles:

I am pleased to submit to you Montgomery County's Annual Progress Report on Watershed Restoration, Stormwater Management, and Water Quality Protection in compliance with our MS4 Permit requirements. This submission addresses reporting requirements for Permit No. 06-DP-3320 MD0068349 (the Permit, issued February 16, 2010) for the County's Fiscal Year from July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 (FY2017). The date of this submission satisfies the requirement to submit annual reports on the anniversary date of the permit. The associated databases and supporting information are included as electronic files on an accompanying compact disc.

The County continues to meet the Permit requirements since 2010, including maintaining adequate legal authority, identifying pollutant sources, expanding our stormwater facility maintenance and inspection program, enhancing property management programs to reduce stormwater pollution, expanding our stormwater pollution awareness outreach programs, making progress on meeting the County wasteload allocations for approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), and assuring adequate funding for the Permit-required programs.

We also continue to make progress toward meeting our restoration goal, and continue to be a leader in implementing innovative and aggressive stormwater programs, including the 20-percent restoration goal in our current permit. In FY2017, the County implemented two innovative "pay for performance" contracts totaling \$9.5 million. These contracts were executed to help the County meet the 2010 restoration goal and will be completed by 2020.

As of the date of submittal of this report, MDE and DEP have reached tentative agreement on a Consent Decree resolving issues with the County's performance pursuant to the 2010 MS4 permit. The five-year permit required the County to restore 3,778 acres of impervious area. As of the time of the drafting of the Consent Decree, the County had restored 1,918 impervious acres, resulting in a deficit of 1,860.5 impervious acres that have not been restored to the maximum extent practicable.

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The data presented in this report show that the County has now completed restoration of 2,927 (77%) of the required acres.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a report on our progress toward meeting the requirements of the Permit. As can be seen by our ongoing efforts, Montgomery County continues to strive to protect and restore our watersheds. If there are any questions on the County's submission, please contact Amy Stevens, Acting Chief of the Watershed Management and Operations Divisions, at 240-777-7766.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Permit No. 06-DP-3320 MD0068349 (Report and CD)

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