



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Director

February 15, 2019

Mr. Benjamin Grumbles, Secretary
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard
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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 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (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, 2017-June 30, 2018 (FY2018). 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 has made considerable progress in meeting 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 Loads (TMDLs), and assuring adequate funding for the Permit-required programs.

Also, we 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.

A Consent Decree (CD) was signed by Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and Department of Environmental Protection in April 2018 identifying corrective actions to bring the County into compliance with the 2010 MS4 Permit. The five-year permit required the County to restore 20 percent of the County's impervious surface area that is not already restored to the maximum extent practicable (MEP). MDE approved an impervious surface restoration plan of 3,778 acres. As of the execution of the CD, the County had restored 2,927 impervious acres, resulting in a deficit of 851 impervious acres that had not been restored to the maximum extent practicable. The data presented in this report show that in FY2018 the County completed restoration of 3,603.6 (95%) of the required acres.

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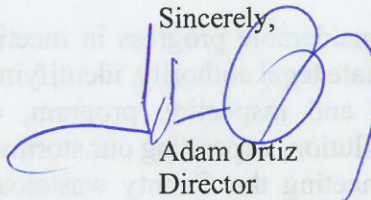
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The County is submitting a Final CD Completion Report in conjunction with the FY2018 MS4 Annual Report. The Final CD Completion Report shows that the County has completed the Impervious Surface Restoration Plan (ISRP) required by the 2010 Permit ahead of the CD schedule. In addition to the restoration progress documented in the MS4 Annual Report for FY2018, the County completed eight projects comprising eighteen BMPs treating a combined total of 178.2 acres of restoration during the first half of FY2019, bringing the total impervious surface restored to 3,781.8 acres. Upon approval by MDE of the Final CD Completion Report, the County will have completed the 20 percent ISRP requirement of the 2010 MS4 Permit.

Although a reapplication for the MS4 Permit was submitted by the County in March 2014, the CD requires the County to reapply for NPDES stormwater discharge permit coverage with the FY2018 MS4 Annual Report. Per the requirements of the MS4 Permit, the reapplication must include an executive summary of the NPDES stormwater management program that specifically describes how the County is meeting the overall goal to ensure that each County watershed has been thoroughly evaluated. The reapplication must also describe the County's progress in implementing water quality improvements to the MEP. The reapplication is provided in Section IV of this report.

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, Watershed Planning and Monitoring Manager, at 240-777-7766.

Sincerely,



Adam Ortiz
Director

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

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