



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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County Executive

Adam Ortiz
Director

February 14, 2020

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, 2018-June 30, 2019 (FY2019). The date of this submission satisfies the requirement to submit annual reports on the anniversary of the permit effective date. 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.

I am honored to share that in fiscal year 2019, the County completed restoration of 3,778 acres of impervious surfaces, meeting the restoration requirement of the 2010 permit. The County submitted its Final Consent Decree (CD) Completion Report to MDE on February 15, 2019. The report showed that the County had completed the Impervious Surface Restoration Plan (ISRP) required by the 2010 permit ahead of the CD schedule, having inspected the completion of all projects needed to restore 3,778 acres of uncontrolled impervious surfaces to the maximum extent practicable. On April 30, 2019, MDE released updated guidance tripling the equivalent impervious acre restoration credit for stream restoration practices outside of the Coastal Plain. The County applied this new guidance to the projects completed for the 2010 MS4 permit and submitted a Revised Consent Decree Completion Report on October 1, 2019, which allowed the county to replace annual practices with permanent BMPs and to carry 22 completed projects forward to meet the next permit restoration goal, and brought the total impervious acres restored by the County to 3,778.9 acres. MDE approved the revised report on November 25, 2019. The Office of the County Attorney then worked with the Assistant Attorney General to file a satisfaction of judgement with the court, and an order terminating the CD was signed on December 30, 2019, officially closing the enforcement action.

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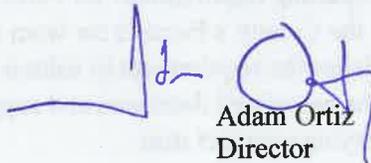




Furthermore, the County continues to be a leader in implementing innovative and aggressive stormwater programs. Having met the 2010 MS4 restoration goal, the projects and programs directed to improve water quality remain robust, and in FY19, the County has completed 11 capital improvement projects (in addition to the six completed between July and December 2018 and the 22 being carried forward to the next permit restoration goal), worked with non-profits, watershed groups, and residents to implement 116 voluntary best management practice grant and rebate funded projects, and planted over 2,400 trees. All of this work continues to support our on-going TMDL wasteload allocations and will be applied toward our next general MS4 permit.

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

Sincerely,



Adam Ortiz
Director

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

cc: Letter and Executive Summary Only

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