

Montgomery County Water Quality Advisory Group
Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2013

Member and affiliation	Present		Others in attendance and affiliation
	Yes	No	
Dan Dosier, public-at-large	X		Arvinth Samanathan, MCDEP
Nate Engle, scientific/academic	X		
Beth Forbes, co-chair, public-at-large	X		
Erica Goldman, scientific/academic		X	
Paul Hlavinka, public-at-large	X		
Annette Rosenblum, scientific/academic	X		
Scott Roser, business	X		
Tanya Spano, co-chair, environmental		X	
Edgard Tellez-Morales, public-at-large		X	
Phil Wagner, business	X		
Patrick Walsh, environmental	X		
vacant			
Paul Billingsly, WSSC	X		
Pam Parker, DEP	X		
Mark Symborski, MNCPPC		X	

Agenda Item	Major Points
7:15 PM Meeting convened by Beth Forbes	New member Paul Billingsly was introduced and welcomed. The draft meeting minutes for May 13, 2013, were discussed and approved as edited. The March 11, 2013 were also approved. Members agreed to cancel the July meeting because of scheduling and hold the next meeting on August 12.
7:25 PM Commenting on miscellaneous items before the Planning Board and Council	The Group discussed several items currently being considered by the Planning Board and Council, including Ten Mile Creek, pervious pavement, zoning ordinance, bag fee repeal, and storm drain art, amongst others. Any WQAG member is welcome to submit individual comments and note their role on the WQAG, but should make clear that the views are not representative of the entire Group. The WQAG will consider making its official recommendations at a later date. Paul H. will draft a discussion letter on pervious pavement and circulate for comments so that the Group can vote on it during the August meeting. Paul H. will also draft a discussion letter on Ten Mile Creek for review and Dan will draft a discussion letter on the bag fee repeal. Dan also suggested that the Group discuss what he sees as a lack of transparency of the sediment control permit process during a later meeting. The Group would also like to receive an update on the forest plan ordinance from DEP during a future meeting. Beth will write a draft letter for WQAG review on the zoning ordinance and she also suggested discussing and/or commenting on the issue of shared parking and its implications on water quality. Dan noted a potential conflict of interest on the issue because of a non-profit housing

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	<p>association organization Board he sits on. Scott reached out to DPS about the storm drain marking program and the person was receptive to the idea. Patrick will draft a letter on the storm drain issue and suggest to the County Executive a two pronged approach.</p>
<p>8:00 PM North Glen Hills</p>	<p>Pam reported that there has been little progress and provided some historical context of the issue. There was discussion on the implications of transitioning homes away from septic tanks on water quality and the accuracy of the data on existing septic tanks in the County.</p>
<p>8:10 PM Items for August meeting</p>	<p>The following items were identified for discussion at future meetings: Blue Plains Municipal Agreement (Tanya will present); WSSC Consent Decree (Paul B. will present or ask another WSSC representative to present); community gardening (Paul H.); Chesapeake Bay Expert Panel on Urban Stormwater (to invite Tom Schuler – Pam sent links to the various reports the Panel has produced); NRCS for October (Beth will investigate); USDA and biochar (Scott will look into this); Tier 2 designations (Scott). [Also, as noted earlier, the members expressed interest in discussing the following: sediment control permit transparency; forest plan ordinance; shared parking].</p> <p>It was also discussed that the WQAG member numbers are very low and everyone should help try to recruit additional representatives.</p>
<p>8:40 PM Meeting adjourned</p>	

Action Items (in addition to members looking into items for future meetings):

- Paul H. – Draft discussion letters on 1) pervious pavement and 2) Ten Mile Creek
- Dan – Draft discussion letter on bag fee repeal
- Beth – Draft discussion letter on zoning ordinance
- Patrick – Draft discussion letter on storm drain art

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	Yes	No	
Keith Brooks, public-at-large	X		Jessica Wright, WSSC
Dan Dozier, public-at-large	X		
Nate Engle, academic/scientific	X		
Beth Forbes, co-chair, public-at-large	X		
Philip Kibak, public-at-large	X		
Paul Hlavinka, public-at-large		X	
Christopher Meaney, academic/scientific	X		
Annette Rosenblum, academic/scientific	X		
Scott Roser, business	X		
Linda Silversmith, public-at-large	X		
Tanya Spano, co-chair, environmental	X		
Phil Wagner, business	X		
Patrick Walsh, environmental		X	
vacant			
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Paul Billingsley, WSSC	X		
Pam Parker, DEP	X		
Mark Symborski, MNCPPC		X	
Agenda Item	Major Points		
7:00 PM Meeting convened by	The draft meeting minutes for June 10, 2013, were discussed and approved as edited. New members were welcomed and introductions were made.		
7:15 PM WSSC Consent Decree	Paul Billingsley introduced Jessica Wright to provide an overview of the consent decree WSSC entered into with EPA and local environmental and citizen groups to settle allegations that WSSC was violating the Clean Water Act by failing to properly maintain their sewer pipes. She described the consent decree as a repair and rehab program with a goal of reducing overflows and backups. The Priority 1 consent decree projects have a targeted completion date of December 2015 and the remaining projects would be completed in the following years. Several members of the WQAG expressed that these items should be regular maintenance and upkeep of the system. Jessica explained that additional work over and above WSSC's maintenance capacity was needed due to aging infrastructure. Jessica described that there have been delays due to a dispute between the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and WSSC regarding permits necessary to replace trees to be removed for construction and access roads and to mitigate the damage caused by the tree removals. Upon Dan's request Jessica agreed to provide copies of the correspondence regarding the permitting dispute to the WQAG		

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<p>7:45 PM Storm drain art discussion.</p>	<p>The county is open to the idea but has requested a white paper describing how it would be implemented. A previous action item was brought up, WQAG had discussed requesting funding for more storm drain markers. Many options were discussed for implementation and sponsors including Montgomery College, Strathmore, MCPS. Tanya Spano, Linda Silversmith, Scott Roser, and Patrick Walsh will prepare a proposal/ white paper.</p>
<p>8:05 PM General Discussion</p>	<p>No updates on Ten Mile Creek. Updates to WQAG member sheet. Zoning Ordinance update. PHED published Oct. 11 on MNCPPC site. Pam to check availability of room for Nov. 1.</p>
<p>8:15 PM Future agenda items</p>	<p>Future agenda items were discussed. Blue Plains IMA (Tanya) - November, Expert Panel on water quality benefits on stream restoration. Discussed report and Pam informed us that it is very technical and monitoring is not justifiable due to cost vs. using the fallback efficiency. – Try to have tom in Early 2014, Accommodating for growth, should be drafted by next meeting. Who is in charge DPS, DEP? Tree Bills (Linda), Discussed updates to IDF curves, what is Montgomery County and WSSC plan for climate change?, Carbon Sequestration, Tanya mentioned that we could tour blue plains during discussion of carbon sequestration. Dan discussed his issue with sediment control plans not being made public until approved.</p>
<p>9:00 PM Business & Announcements</p>	<p>none</p>
<p>9:00 PM Meeting Adjourned</p>	

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Keith Brooks, public-at-large	X		
Dan Dozier, public-at-large	X		
Nate Engle, academic/scientific		X	
Beth Forbes, co-chair, public-at-large	X		
Philip Kibak, public-at-large		X	
Paul Hlavinka, public-at-large	X		
Christopher Meaney, academic/scientific	X		
Annette Rosenblum, academic/scientific	X		
Scott Roser, business		X	
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Paul Billingsley, WSSC	X		
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Agenda Item	Major Points
7:00 PM Meeting convened by	The draft meeting minutes for Oct 2013, were discussed and approved as edited. New members were welcomed. Existing members gave a brief statement of their backgrounds.
7:15 Blue Plains Inter-Municipal Agreement	<p>Tanya Spano made a presentation on the recently released Blue Plains Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA), which is replacing the previous 1985 IMA. It is an agreement among DC, Fairfax County, Montgomery County, Prince George’s County, and the WSSC. It is also a contract, but mostly a regional agreement. There were several reasons to have a new IMA. Examples include (1) DC WASA/DC Water created in 1996, they were not a signatory. (2) The 1985 IMA is out of date, (3) A need to incorporate newer TMDLs, including the CB TMDL. (4) CSO Requirements, (5) Major new capital projects \$6-8 billion over the next 20 years.</p> <p>A 2005 Annotated IMA laid the foundation for the 2012 version, which includes DC Water.</p> <p>Blue Plains is responsible for 370 million gal/day.</p> <p>Even though they send water to Blue Plains, Loudoun County is not a signatory, since they have an agreement with DC Water.</p> <p>The majority of Montgomery County is treated at Blue Plains.</p> <p>The effective capacity in the IMA should last out to 2040.</p> <p>Stormwater costs are now handled better.</p> <p>Tanya would be happy to arrange a tour.</p> <p>WSSC and the district are the biggest users, so this is a big deal for Montgomery County.</p>

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8:15 Tier II Letter	<p>Paul Hlavinka discussed the Tier II letter. At WQAG’s recommendation, Montgomery County DEP sent a letter to MDE about reassessing data on Tier II waters. They addressed several things we asked about, as well as some we did not. Meo, Matt Stover, and Keith Van Ness identified some data inconsistencies between MDE and Montgomery County. They are now moving forward on using MoCo data in MDE determinations. Monitoring by MDE uses random sampling. Hopefully by using MoCo data, they can better ID high quality waters. The random sampling is a potential reason for why MDE did not identify all the waters we believe could be designated high quality.</p> <p>Pam will be asking Keith about a timeline. This is probably better at the present time than sending a follow up letter..</p>
8:40 Storm Drain Art	<p>The group briefly discussed Storm Drain Art, and the need for a white paper. The previous paper needs to be better tailored to Montgomery County, into a more actionable white paper.</p>
8:45 Closing issues	<p>Paul will be testifying on the planning board recommendation on the Clarksburg Limited Master Plan Amendment. There were some questions about the online posting of the board draft.</p> <p>Accounting for growth – a workgroup was set up by the state, involving stakeholders from across the board. No consensus on baselines for loads. We should shoot for a speaker on this next year.</p> <p>Dan wants copies of the dispute on tree removal in connection with the pipeline repair.</p> <p>Mark noted that the Zoning Ordinance is in council. Tonight there was a council hearing about it, and Mark will give an update during the December meeting, which is Monday the 9th.</p> <p><i>December Meeting</i> – 10 mile creek update, Zoning Update, Stormdrain Art update. Still have openings for other materials. Other options include: update from Keith on WQ monitoring. Update from Mark on Biological Condition Gradient. There was a workshop in September.</p> <p>After February we may want to have an update on the MS4.</p>