



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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February 15, 2022

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 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, 2020 to June 30, 2021 (FY21). 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 will be transmitted via electronic transfer through a separate e-mail to Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) staff.

The County has made considerable progress in meeting the Permit requirements since 2010, including meeting the restoration goal of 3,778 acres of impervious surface in December 2018, 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. These efforts are done by many departments and agencies throughout the County and represent a comprehensive approach to ensuring our waterways remain clean and available to our residents.

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 designed to protect and improve water quality remain robust, and since FY19, the County has implemented 686 restoration best management practices (BMPs), voluntary BMPs and projects, and planted over 8,800 trees. During FY21, the County continued its street sweeping and catch

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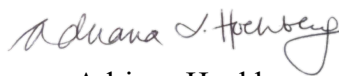
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basin cleaning programs and completed two ESD/LID retrofits, two stream restorations, and 1 outfall stabilization project. More than 200 BMPs were voluntarily implemented through County-funded Watershed Restoration Grants and the County's RainScapes program. More than 3,500 trees were planted through the Tree Montgomery and Street Tree Programs. All of this work continues to support progress towards our on-going TMDL wasteload allocations and will be applied toward the restoration requirement of our next generation MS4 permit, which was issued on November 5, 2021.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a report on our continued implementation of the requirements of the 2010 Permit. As can be seen by our ongoing efforts, Montgomery County continues to expand its programs to protect and restore its watersheds. If there are any questions on the County's submission, please contact Amy Stevens, Planning, Outreach, and Monitoring Section Manager, at 240-777-7766.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Permit FY21 Annual Report

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