

# Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

Hampstead \* Manchester \* Mt. Airy \* New Windsor  
Carroll County Health Department



\* Sykesville \* Taneytown \* Union Bridge \* Westminster  
Carroll County Government

## WRCC Meeting Summary December 20, 2023

### **Attendees:**

#### Municipalities:

- Kevin Hann, Chair, Hampstead
- Jim Wieprecht, Vice Chair, Taneytown
- John Dick, Westminster
- Gary Dye, New Windsor
- Delbert Green, Manchester
- Mayor Perry Jones, Union Bridge
- Rodney Kuhns, Manchester
- Alex Perricone, Manchester
- Kevin Rubenstein, Sykesville
- Kevin Smeak, Taneytown
- Dick Swanson, Mount Airy

#### CC LRM:

- Brenda Dinne
- Glenn Edwards
- Chris Heyn, Director
- Claire Hirt
- Byron Madigan
- Kelly Martin
- Denise Mathias
- Zach Neal
- Janet O'Meara
- Pat Varga
- Hannah Weber

#### Health Department:

- Richard Brace

#### CCG Others:

- Andy Watcher, CC DPW
- Bryan Bokey, CC DPW
- Lydia Rogers, CC M&B

#### Guest Speakers:

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### **1. Opening Statement**

#### **Chair – Kevin Hann**

Mr. Hann opened the meeting at 2:32 PM. He wished everyone a happy holiday.

#### **Vice Chair – Jim Wieprecht**

Nothing additional.

### **2. Approval of Meeting Summary – November 15, 2023**

Approval of the November meeting summary was discussed. No changes were made.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Alex Perricone and seconded by Jim Wieprecht to approve the November 15, 2023, meeting summary. Motion carried.

### **3. National Flood Insurance Program & Community Rating System – Pat Varga**

- Mr. Varga was out of the office. The presentation will be rescheduled.

#### Reference/Attachment:

- n/a

### **4. Water Resources Element (WRE 2024) Update – Brenda Dinne**

- Task 1.2: Automation of Portions of Buildable Land Inventory Model: Hazen is moving forward with an add-on of details in technical memo.
- Task 2: Groundwater Allocability: Task completed.
- Task 3: Emerging Contaminants: Task completed.

- Task 4: MDE TIPP Spreadsheet Comparison: There were issues with the TIPP spreadsheets, and they were not used for the 2023 NPDES Annual Report. Staff will follow up with Hazen.
- Task 5: Climate Change Impacts: Task completed.
- Task 6: Update 2010 WRE Supporting Documents: Three of the five updated supporting documents were received December 19, with the additional two expected by December 22. The Technical Team is reviewing the documents. If any municipalities would like to review them, Ms. Dinne will share the documents.
- Contract Extension: A no-cost contract extension was completed to extend Hazen's contract from December 31, 2023, to June 30, 2024. We have extended the timeframe to complete some of the work.

*Reference/Attachment:*

- N/A

## **5. Municipal Stormwater Projects Update – Janet O'Meara**

- Ms. O'Meara provided an update on the municipal stormwater restoration projects.
- Ms. O'Meara will share the concept plan for Manchester East with the Town once it's received.

*Reference/Attachment:*

- *Municipal Project Status, December 2023*

## **6. PFAS Discussion**

- PFAS will be added to the agenda as a discussion topic at least quarterly. Each municipality shared the current status of PFAS test results and/or any resulting action.
- Hampstead is in the final stage of picking term contractors for design and engineering work for treatment. The first round of UCMR-5 testing results were posted online and included in the Town newsletter. Results of the second UCMR-5 testing have not yet been received. Town staff continues to meet with Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) frequently. The Town will be receiving \$19.5 million in grants for treatment but will still need to come up with another \$8 million of local funds. Operational costs for the Town will increase significantly, and water rates will need to increase to cover costs.
- Mount Airy is addressing five water stations. In the interest of transparency, the Mayor is posting outreach information on the Town website and will be sending out additional letters. The Town submitted an application for a Brinkley Bill exception to increase the appropriation for well #9.
- Taneytown expects to see funds from the PFAS settlement associated with a class action lawsuit in which the City participated, although the timing is uncertain.
- Manchester does not expect to have to add treatment for PFAS, as the levels are below the proposed limit. The Patricia Court well was taken offline as a cautionary measure. The Town is more concerned with the amount of water currently lost to leaks. Non-potable water reuse could be an option for certain water uses if MDE is open to it.
- Results of testing at the Public Safety Training Center (PTSC) were received. Site plan modifications will occur, and construction activities will address the issue.
- The Hampstead Fire Department site is the hot spot for PFAS in the Town. Mr. Hann will send Mr. Heyn a copy of the letter the fire department received from MDE.
- Baltimore City is investigating PFAS sources in the Liberty Reservoir watershed. MDE already did some testing. PFAS downstream from the PTSC decreased steadily closer to the reservoir.
- Wells at a mobile home park abutting the Mount Airy town limits but outside of the growth area tested high for PFAS. They previously turned down an offer to hookup to the Town's public sewer system after the site had a septic system failure. Residents may pursue trying to get assistance from the Town or the County.
- A carbon filter on a home water system, such as on a refrigerator, will remove PFAS.

*Reference/Attachment:*

- N/A

**7. Drought Condition Discussion**

- Recent rain has been helpful but has not gotten us out of the woods. If we don't receive enough snow and rain over the winter, it will lead to greater issues. The State drought status is current at Level 3 out of four, with Level 4 being an emergency status that takes effect through Executive Order by the Governor.
- Manchester recently raised their drought level status. The Town has a drought management plan. Once the threshold was reached, the next level of restrictions was imposed. Those using water for restricted uses will be fined.
- Some places, such as Lancaster, have had issues with people stealing water from hydrants. The municipalities do not necessarily address this issue in their codes.
- By February, we should have a better idea how precipitation has impacted water levels and drought conditions. This will be a discussion topic on the February WRCC meeting agenda. Additional restrictions and public outreach may be necessary.

*Reference/Attachment:*

- N/A

**8. Other**

- January WRCC Meeting: The next meeting will be held on January 24. Trout Unlimited will be the guest speaker.
- 2023 NPDES Annual Report: Ms. Hirt thanked everyone who provided comments on the draft Annual Report. She anticipates sending the Annual Report to MDE before Christmas. She gave an overview on the countywide TMDL Implementation Plan required by the permit and explained the content included. Once it's submitted to MDE, she will send a copy to the municipalities.
- Statewide Bay TMDL Goals: Mr. Heyn noted that MDE shared in a recent presentation that the State is falling short of its 2025 Bay TMDL restoration goals. This will likely lead to additional requirements in our next permit. The State Highway Administration (SHA) permit to be released soon could be an indication of additional requirements.
- NPDES Compliance Specialist: Ms. O'Meara thanked Mr. Hann for agreeing to sit on the interview panel for the open NPDES Compliance Specialist position. Several candidates were interviewed, but the panel decided to look into additional candidates. Interviews will be held after the new year.
- New Planning & Land Management Deputy Director: Daphne Daly has been hired as the Deputy Director. She previously worked for Carroll County, but most recently worked for Baltimore County.
- Upcoming Legislative Session: Mr. Heyn indicated that solar and housing will be hot topics in the upcoming Maryland General Assembly legislative session. There are currently discussions about legislation that could lead to preempting local zoning on these issues.
- Manchester Town Manager Anniversary: Mr. Perricone noted that, as of last week, he has been in the Town Manager position for one year. He thanked everyone for all the assistance they've provided.

*Reference/Attachment:*

- N/A

## 9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:44 PM.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Alex Perricone and seconded by Dick Swanson to adjourn the December 20, 2023, meeting. Motion carried.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

☐ *Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, January 24, 2023*

# MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PROJECT STATUS

December 20, 2023

## FUTURE PROJECTS:

**Michael's Property (Hampstead)** – Project is on hold until Town has obtained approval from property owners to move forward.

**Meadow Ridge Basin 2 (Westminster)** – Retrofit of existing facility to provide water quality through a surface sand filter. This site is adjacent to the pump station at the edge of the City limits.

**Hampstead Valley 2/3 (Hampstead)** – Hampstead Valley facilities 2 and 3 will be retrofit as a stream restoration project to decommission Sycamore Drive as a roadway embankment. The design will include a stream restoration beginning immediately downstream of the proposed Hampstead Valley 1 facility and continue to Sycamore Drive.

## CONCEPT DESIGN:

**Hampstead Valley 1 (Hampstead)** – Retrofit of existing detention basin to a surface sand filter. Site is located just south of Lower Beckleysville Road near a production well. CLSI submitted a revised concept plan for review on December 7<sup>th</sup>. A copy was shared with the Town.

**Manchester East (Manchester)** – CLSI is working on the concept design of a new stormwater facility north of Manchester Valley High School, adjacent to the pump station. Surveying of the property was performed this month. We anticipate a concept plan being submitted in late January.

**New Windsor Wetland (New Windsor)** - A new wetland facility is proposed adjacent to the Maryland Midland Railroad tracks and Dickenson Run. The proposed improvements include removing the existing inlet adjacent to the intersection of Water St and Church St, replacing it with a diversion structure that will route the 1-year storm discharges to the proposed wetland facility. We are working through the design with the engineer for a structure to balance the facility on both sides of the sewer main. Comments have been provided to the engineer.

**Public Safety Training Center (Westminster Well)**- A retrofit for the Public Safety Training Center pond is in progress for the facility design and PFAS remediation. WRA is finalizing the concept

plan for the surface sand filter this week. Tetra Tech will provide guidance for the PFAS remediation. Soil borings have been completed. We continue to work with Building Construction to coordinate design efforts for erosion and sediment control.

### **PRELIMINARY DESIGN:**

**Hampstead Valley 4 (Hampstead)** – A new surface sand filter and stream restoration project is proposed between Century Street and Downhill Trail. Culverts at Downhill Trail require realignment into the HOA parcel for dam breach approval. RFP for geotechnical borings is drafted, and will be going to the County geotechnical term contractors to get these completed. We are just waiting on an exhibit from CLSI for the locations.

**Roberts Field Wet Facility (Hampstead)** – Retrofit of wet pond to new hybrid wet pond/submerged gravel wetland. The recent concept submittal was approved with comments from the Town and Stormwater Management. Wallace Montgomery & Associates (WMA) is working on the preliminary plans. A revised grading plan was provided this month to be submitted with the grant application to DNR Grants Gateway. We anticipate resubmission of the preliminary plan in January. An RFP for geotechnical borings is drafted, we anticipate sending out the term contractors to get pricing for the borings in the near future.

### **FINAL DESIGN:**

### **CONSTRUCTION:**

### **PLANNING PROJECTS:**

**Little Pipe Creek Restoration Opportunities** – The County has been working with CWP on this task over the last year. CWP has developed a spreadsheet to prioritize projects and has identified five potential projects and are looking to submit final reports by the end of the year.

### **TREE PLANTING PROJECTS:**

**All the municipal plantings have completed their maintenance period and are now the responsibility of the municipalities. Please make sure that these areas are being mowed at least three (3) times per season.**