

# Montgomery County Water Quality Advisory Group – Draft Meeting Summary

**Date and Time:** March 11, 2024 (7:00 PM – 8:30 PM)

**Location:** Microsoft Teams meeting

**Staff Liaison:** Miranda Reid, DEP

**Members present:** Keith Brooks, Bob Buglass, Travis Gorleski, Phillip Mariscal, Edward Ohanian, Amanda Rockler, Tracy Rouleau, Linda Silversmith, Amy Stevens, Mark Symborski, Allison Wright

**Members absent:** Tim Stemann, Allison Wright

**Additional attendees:** n/a

## Meeting summary

### I. Introductions and welcome

Tracy Rouleau, Chair, started the meeting at 7:05.

### II. Review of the February 12, 2024, meeting summary

The Chair asked members if they had questions or comments about the meeting summary. No members had questions or comments. Philip Mariscal made a motion to accept the meeting summary as written, which was seconded by Linda Silversmith.

### III. New Business.

#### a. Montgomery County DEP Capital Budget Overview, Amy Stevens, Acting Chief, Watershed Restoration Division, DEP

Amy Stevens gave a presentation on DEP's Capital Budget. Amy described revenue sources and the differences between capital and operating funds and programs. Amy walked the Group through the CIP Project Descriptions and went into detail on the following projects:

- Anacostia Stream Restoration (cost-share partnership with USACE)
- Facility Planning: Stormwater Management
- Stormwater Management Retrofit: Countywide

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- Stormwater Management Facility Major Structural Repair
- Wheaton Regional Dam Flooding Mitigation
- Comprehensive Flood Management Plan

Members of the Group expressed interested in a future presentation on the Comprehensive Flood Management Plan’s pilot Sligo Creek modeling study.

### b. 2024 Speaker Topic Rankings

Miranda Reid reviewed the speaker topic rankings. The Group will hold its May field trip on April 20<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with WSSC’s open house tour of the Seneca Water Resources Recovery Facility. Members discussed reaching out to speakers for the highest-ranking topics.

**ACTION:** Bob Buglass will send the WQAG details on the WSSC open house when available

**ACTION:** Phil Mariscal will contact Dann Sklarew for a potential July presentation

**ACTION:** Amy Stevens will contact Trey Sherard (Anacostia Riverkeeper) and Phil Dean (Potomac Riverkeeper) for potential June presentation and Sarah Kogel Smucker (Montgomery County Climate Change Officer) for a potential July presentation.

**ACTION:** Amy Stevens will present on DEP’s operating budget at the April meeting.

### c. DEP Updates

Amy Stevens shared the following DEP personnel updates with the Group:

- Frank Dawson, former Division Chief, Watershed Restoration Division (WRD) retired on 3/1/2024.
- Amy Stevens has been appointed Acting Division Chief, WRD
- Ken Mack has been appointed Acting Planning and Monitoring Section Chief, WRD

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- Jodi Rose has started her new position as Stewardship Section Chief, WRD
- Jeff Selzer has been selected as DEP’s new Deputy Director

### **IV. Reports of Officers, Boards, Standing Committees.**

None at this time. No report.

### **V. Reports of Special Committees.**

None at this time. No report.

### **VI. Special Orders.**

None at this time. No report.

### **VII. Unfinished Business and General Orders.**

None at this time. No report.

### **VIII. Adjournment.**

The next meeting will occur on April 15, 2024, from 7:00pm – 8:30pm ET.  
Amanda Rockler will serve as the April Notetaker.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm ET.