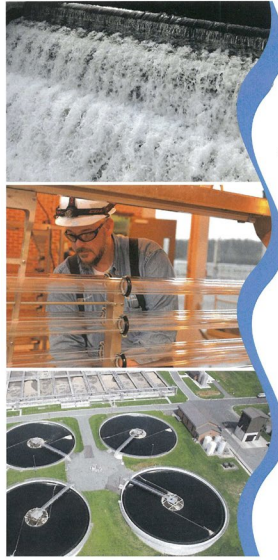


## Montgomery County - Water Quality Advisory Group Meeting April 15, 2024 (7:00 - 8:30 pm) – Notes

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/advisory-group.html>

- I. Introductions and welcome
  - a. Notetaker: Amanda Rockler
  - b. In attendance: Amy Stevens, Travis Gorleski, Tracy Rouleau, Tim Stemann, Sam Engler (NRCS), Keith Brooks, Linda Silversmith, Bob Buglass, Mark Symborski, Amanda Rockler
- II. Review of the March 11, 2024, meeting summary
  - a. Approved April 15, 2024 7:30 pm
- III. New Business.
  - a. Agricultural Best Management Practices, Samuel Engler, District Conservationist, Montgomery County Soil Conservation District
    - i. NRCS-Natural Resource Conservation Service, USDA program
      1. Soil conservation, every county in the US
      2. Federal, State, County/District employees together in one office
    - ii. Conservation planning (9 steps), technical assistance, solutions and funding/cost share (75-90%)
      1. Cost share programs: EQIP, CREP (buffers), MACS, MCWQPP
      2. Practices include grassed waterways, stream crossings, manure storage, stream buffers, cover crop/reduced till
        - a. Design standards to last 15-20 years, 100 year storm, thinking about changing climate and flashier storms
  - b. Montgomery County DEP Operating Budget Overview, Amy Stevens, Acting Division Chief, Watershed Restoration Division (see Amy's slides)
    - i. Fiscal Year 2025 – Proposed operating (day to day operations (annual)) under review
      1. CIP operating budget funds major projects - Increasing inspection and maintenance budget, clean water Montgomery grants, bag tax outreach, 2 new positions, COLA, leaf blower incentive program
      2. WQPC will increase by \$10.50 per EQR
      3. May 6-10 predicted to go in front of full council
  - c. April/May Field Trip
    - i. April 20, 2024 Open House Seneca Water



# OPENHOUSE & TOUR

of **Seneca Water Resource Recovery Facility**

Saturday, April 20, 2024 • 9am-2pm

Rain date Saturday, May 4, 2024

- ◆ Tour the state-of-the-art facility
- ◆ Learn how treatment experts turn wastewater into clean water
- ◆ Meet employees and learn about career opportunities
- ◆ Learn how to check for toilet leaks & get information on financial assistance
- ◆ Find out what NOT to flush down your toilet
- ◆ Fun games and activities for all ages

Register here



See you there!



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- IV. Reports of Officers, Boards, Standing Committees.
  - a. None at this time
- V. Reports of Special Committees.
  - a. None at this time
- VI. Special Orders.
  - a. None at this time
- VII. Unfinished Business and General Orders.
  - a. We need to complete annual report
    - i. Tracy, Amanda, Phil volunteer
- VIII. Adjournment.
  - a. Next meeting June 10, 2024
  - b. June Notetaker: Linda Silversmith