

Montgomery County - Water Quality Advisory Group Meeting November 18, 2024 (7:00 - 8:30 pm) – Draft Meeting Notes

- I. Notetaker: Allison Wright
- II. Attendance:
 - a. Present: Bob Buglass, Travis Gorleski, Keith Brooks, Linda Silversmith, Phillip Mariscal, Miranda Reid, Tracy Rouleau Mark Symborski, Amy Stevens, Allison Wright, Nancy Schumm (guest)
 - b. Not present: Tim Stemann, Amanda Rockler
- III. Introductions of WQPC Members
- IV. New Business
 - a. Nancy Schumm new environmental services division chief in Gaithersburg. Wetland Scientist for more than 30 years. Focus of the division, clean protected water. Initiative on deck: middle and lower Seneca creek and Muddy Branch. Will use Section 319 watershed planning protocol. Will dress trees, bats, water etc. Tree campaign will be rolled out. Water Quality testing. Hoping for a monthly program. (This will require request for public comments.) Hoping to get schools involved in the macro invertebrates. They are looking for stream restoration efforts. Focus will be on riparian zones that lead to the streams. Covers everything from Gaithersburg down to the Potomac. Another initiative is a state wide MOU. They will have a water quality page on their website for public access. Tracy brings up the upland BMPs as being more effective for water quality improvements (as opposed to stream restoration).
 - b. 2025 meeting calendar approved
 - c. 2025 Speaker topics: Ask Keven Misener from Seneca Creek Watershed Partners to speaker in December/January. Many topics on list were discussed in 2024. Others expected to be reached: MS4 permit, Bay Trust H2O monitoring, DOT street tree policy.
- V. Review of the October 21, 2024, meeting summary, no comments or changes from the group
- VI. Reports of Officers, Boards, Standing Committees.
 - a. None at this time
- VII. Reports of Special Committees.
 - a. None at this time
- VIII. Special Orders.
 - a. None at this time
- IX. Unfinished Business and General Orders.
 - a. None at this time

- X. Adjournment.
 - a. Next meeting December 9th, 2024
 - b. November Notetaker: Keith Brooks/Philip Mariscal

