



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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February 11, 2021

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, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (FY20). 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 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 completed the restoration of 3,778 acres of impervious surfaces on December 29, 2018, fulfilling the terms of the April 2018 Consent Decree (CD). On November 22, 2019, MDE notified the County that it had met all conditions of the CD. The Office of the County Attorney worked with Maryland's Assistant Attorney General to jointly file a satisfaction of judgement and notice to terminate the CD on December 16, 2019. An order terminating the CD was signed on December 30, 2019, officially closing the enforcement action.

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

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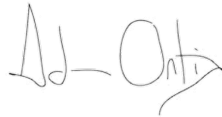
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improve water quality remain robust, and since FY19, the County has implemented over 6,500 restoration best management practices (BMPs) and projects. During FY20, the County continued its street sweeping and catch basin cleaning programs and completed four stormwater pond retrofits, one stream restoration, and 10 outfall stabilization projects. More than 300 BMPs were voluntarily implemented through County-funded Watershed Restoration Grants and the County's RainScapes program. More than 2,800 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.

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 its programs to protect and restore our 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam Ortiz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Adam" and the last name "Ortiz" clearly distinguishable.

Adam Ortiz  
Director

Enclosures: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Permit  
FY20 Annual Report

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