

Carroll County Monocacy River Board

January 16, 2025 Carroll County Monocacy River Board Meeting
Location: Taneytown Senior Center, Taneytown, Maryland

In Attendance: Byron Madigan (CC Staff), Tiffany Fossett (CC Staff), George Grillon, Brad Stickles, Craig Connell

Absent: n/a

No Public comment was given during the open public comment period.

Various example Monocacy board logos were shown and discussed by the group, and feedback was provided on what they would like represented with the logo. An updated version will be shared at the next scheduled meeting.

Byron shared the most recent quarterly newsletter from the Bureau of Resource Management, which highlighted the volunteer stream cleanup performed by the Board in Copps Branch on the first Saturday of December.

The Board reviewed a request for comment from HB Solutions related to any potential scenic impacts to the river from a planned solar project on Pleasant Valley Road and Magers Drive. The Board, with an initial motion from Brad Stickles and seconded by Craig Connell, voted unanimously to respond with a letter created by the Board verifying the project does not have a scenic impact to the River, but also encouraging compliance with all applicable Carroll County codes.

The group discussed again the possibility of coordinating with Team River Runner, a non-profit group that helps disabled veterans get on the water. Brad Stickles will reach out to the organization about a potential zoom discussion during the next board meeting. The group discussed possibly aiming for May and coordinating with the Department of Recreation and Parks. It was also brought up that the Carroll County Veterans celebration is scheduled for May 4th.

Byron shared 2024 monitoring data and photos from the Army Corps monitoring report for the Mayberry Stream restoration project within the Bear Branch Watershed. This location was previously visited by the board during a joint BMP tour with Frederick County of completed projects throughout the Carroll County portion of the Monocacy Watershed.

Sustainable Maryland and Green Teams for the Towns within the Monocacy watershed was discussed further. This initiative encourages the implementation of eco-friendly policies and practices that enhance the quality of life for their residents while preserving natural resources for future generations. This initiative will be discussed with Town representatives during the next meeting of the Water Resources Coordination Council on February 26th.

The Board discussed further the community-based restoration monitoring through the Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative that is performed annually at Wakefield Valley Park through Copps Branch. The Board was interested in participating in the event. Byron is going to reach back out to Maya, with the cooperative to coordinate the necessary training. The monitoring is typically performed in April, and the Board discussed possibly making the community monitoring their board meeting for April.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55
Submitted by Byron Madigan