



Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council

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Meeting Summary for January 15, 2025

Members

- Curtis Barrett
- Ashley Collier
- Craig Connell
- Kathleen Marasco
- Charlene Norris
- Craig Paskoski
- Tom Scanlan
- Michele Smith
- Tamara Strobel

County Government

- Brenda Dinne, Special Projects Coordinator/ EAC Staff Liaison/Secretary
- Denise Mathias, EAC Admin Support

Guest Speaker(s)

- n/a

Other Attendees

- None

1. CALL TO ORDER -

- Mr. Paskoski, Chair, officially called the January 15, 2025, meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) to order at 3:01 PM in Room 204 of the County Office Building.

2. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER - ASHLEY COLLIER -

- New member, Ashley Collier, introduced herself at her first meeting. She is a certified naturalist. She work for Roscoe Bartlett for several years. She currently is employed by the Town of Mount Airy as the Director of Community Development.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -

a. November 13, 2024

Discussion/Decision:

- Approval of the November minutes was discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion 484-25: Motion was made by Curt Barrett and seconded by Tamara Strobel to approve the November 13, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/meetings/

4. STAFF LIAISON REPORT -

Discussion/Decision:

- The next meeting will be held on February 19, 2025. The agenda will include discussion of scopes of work for the projects in the 2025 Work Plan. The timeline for the Environmental Action Awards will be discussed as well.
- The annual joint meeting with the Board of County Commissioners will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 1:00 PM in the Reagan Room. The agenda includes review of the 2024 Annual Report and the Proposed 2025 Work Plan.

5. NEW BUSINESS -

a. Proposed 2025 Work Plan - Review & Approval

Discussion:

- The description of the backyard climate resilience outreach piece will remain general, as the EAC members will determine what is most important to include while researching information.
- The members made no changes to the draft proposed work plan.
- As Chair, Mr. Paskoski will review the annual report and the proposed work plan projects with the Board at the annual joint meeting. All members are welcome to join in on the discussion that follows.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion 485-25: Motion was made by Craig Connell to re-elect Craig Paskoski to approve as drafted the proposed 2025 Work Plan for presentation and review with the Board of County Commissioners. Motion carried.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- 2025 Work Plan: <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/work-plan/>

b. 2025 Environmental Stewardship Booklet - Discussion

Discussion:

- Ms. Dinne provided an overview of the booklet to familiarize new members since 2023 with the content.
- Since staff must update the information, the EAC’s primarily role in this project is to review and to identify potential new content or topics to include.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- 2023 Booklet: <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/environmental-stewardship-in-carroll-county/>

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6. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS -

- a. None

7. OTHER -

a. **2025 Environmental Action Awards**

- Outreach to students should occur before the school year ends in the spring of 2025.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS -

- None.

9. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING -

- The meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 3:00 PM in COB Room 204.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT - MOTION 486-25: Motion was made by Kathleen Marasco and seconded by Ashley Collier to adjourn the January 15, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

 Regular Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, February 19, 2025 @ 3:00 PM, COB Room 204



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Guest Speaker(s)

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2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -

a. January 15, 2025

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion 487-25: Motion was made by Tom Scanlan and seconded by Michele Smith to approve the January 15, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Reference/Attachment(s):

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3. STAFF LIAISON REPORT -

Discussion/Decision:

- The next meeting will be held on March 19, 2025. The agenda will include continued discussion on the projects in the 2025 Work Plan.
- Michele Smith will help coordinate scheduling a tour for the EAC of the Howard County Composting Facility in place of the October meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS -

a. Climate Resilience in Your Own Backyard - Discussion

Discussion:

- Topics were preliminarily identified to be researched and addressed in the outreach document.
- Ms. Dinne will prepare a content outline into which members can drop bullets for suggested content. This content will be discussed at the March meeting.

EAC Member Action Items:

- All members Research appropriate content for all topics. Add bulleted content suggestions to Content Outline, including link to source and initials. To be discussed March 19.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- *Scope*

b. MPRP Environmental Impact Summary - Discussion

Discussion:

- PSEG, as the CPCN (certificate of public convenience and necessity) applicant, is legally required to prepare an environmental review document (ERD) prior to submitting the CPCN application. The ERD must comply with COMAR 20.79.03.02—.04, which outlines the information that must be included. The document is nearly 60 pages without the appendices.
- The EAC will review the ERD and identify key topics and impacts to highlight. The information will be summarized in a two- to four-page document, which will be provided to the Board of County Commissioners as a quick reference tool.

EAC Member Action Items:

- All members Review the ERD. Identify most important topics and impacts to include in summary. Add bullets with suggested impact to include. To be discussed March 19.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- *Scope*

c. Cost Savings with Environmental Benefits - Discussion

Discussion:

- Relevant potential FY 2027 projects will be identified. The EAC will research potential environmental benefits to these projects and could also result in cost savings.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- *Scope*

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d. 2025 Environmental Action Awards – Discussion

Discussion:

- The presentation to the winners of the 2025 Environmental Action Awards will again occur at the annual Environmental Symposium, which will be held on October 25, 2025.
- The public rollout of nomination packets and getting the word out will be toward the end of May. This will give time to get this information to students before school is out for the summer. The nomination deadline will tentatively be mid-September. The EAC will tentatively review and rank the nominations in time to send notification to the winners by October 3.
- The EAC members will begin contacting local businesses and potential donors of prizes for the winners. The goal is to have donors confirmed before the nomination packets and public rollout occur so the information can be included on the flyer and nomination packets. The donors will be recognized at the awards presentation and in the outreach materials.

EAC Member Action Items:

- Mr. Paskoski
 - Mr. Barrett
 - Ms. Strobel
 - Mr. Scanlan
 - Ms. Smith
- Contact local businesses to inquire about interest in donating prizes for the awards winners. At the March 19 meeting, to be discussed if need to branch out farther.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- *Timeline*

5. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS –

a. 2025 Environmental Stewardship Booklet – Discussion

Discussion:

- Ms. Dinne will request updated data from the relevant staff.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- *n/a*

6. OTHER –

- Earth Day 2025: Ms. Dinne will ask around to see if there is an Earth Day events this year in which the EAC may want to participate.
- Mobilize Frederick’s Climate Summit 2025: Mobilize Frederick will once again be putting on a climate summit. It will be held February 28 and March 1 at Hood College in Frederick.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS –

- None.

8. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING -

- The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 3:00 PM in COB Room 204.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT - MOTION 488-25: Motion was made by Curt Barrett and seconded by Tamara Strobel to adjourn the February 19, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

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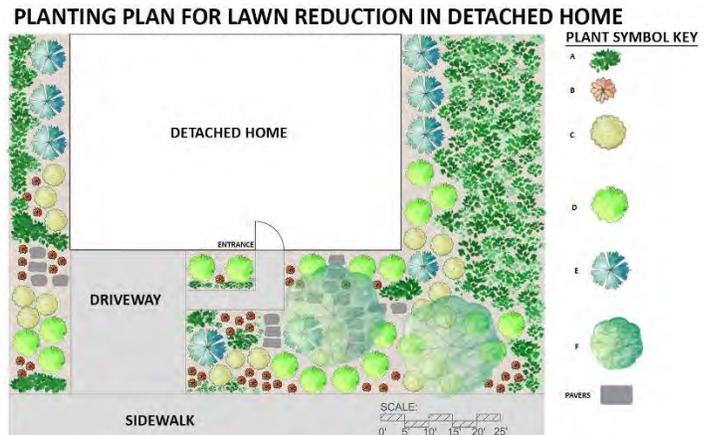


Climate Resilience in the Backyard

Scope

Climate change is expected to impact Carroll County in many ways, including hotter summers, more intense droughts, and increased precipitation. A climate resilient backyard is important because it allows your garden to adapt and thrive in the face of changing weather patterns brought on by climate change, including extreme heat, heavy rainfall, droughts, and unpredictable seasons, by incorporating practices like choosing native plants, managing water efficiently, and promoting biodiversity, thus ensuring a more sustainable and productive gardening space even as the climate shifts.

The EAC will develop a public outreach piece aimed at providing residents with key best practices and links to resources for developing climate resiliency in their own backyards. This might include a compilation or summary of practices such as drought resistant grass and plants.



Design: Stephanie A. Pully.

<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/landscape-designs-native-plants/iaa.umd.edu/resource/landscape-designs-native-plants>

Process:

1. Research best practices for backyard climate resilience. Add bullets to content outline.
2. Review and follow up with research to fill content gaps.
3. Draft text for each section of outreach piece.
4. Review and address content gaps.
5. Prepare formatted initial draft. [Brenda]
6. Review and revise to result in final draft.

Timeline:

The EAC will strive to complete the final public outreach piece by September 2025.

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Key reasons why climate resilience in your backyard matters:

- **Mitigating climate change impacts:**

By choosing plants that can tolerate extreme weather events, you can reduce the need for additional resources like irrigation during droughts or pest control when facing new pest pressures.

- **Supporting biodiversity:**

Native plants provide important food sources and habitats for local wildlife, which helps maintain a healthy ecosystem in your backyard.

- **Improving soil health:**

Practices like composting and cover cropping enhance soil quality, allowing plants to better withstand stress from changing climate conditions.

- **Reducing water usage:**

Selecting drought-tolerant plants and implementing efficient watering practices can significantly decrease water consumption.

- **Carbon sequestration:**

Healthy plant growth helps absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, contributing to carbon mitigation.

- **Food security:**

A climate-resilient garden can continue to produce food even when faced with unpredictable weather patterns, ensuring a more reliable food source.

How to create a climate resilient backyard:

- **Plant selection:**

Choose native plants that are well-suited to your local climate and can withstand expected changes.

- **Diverse plant communities:**

Incorporate a variety of plant species with different growth habits and maturity times to create a more resilient ecosystem.

- **Water management:**

Implement rainwater harvesting systems, use drip irrigation, and mulch to conserve moisture.

- **Soil health practices:**

Regularly add compost and organic matter to improve soil quality and water retention.

- **Consider microclimates:**

Analyze your yard to identify areas with varying sunlight exposure and moisture levels to plant accordingly.



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MPRP Environmental Impact Summary for Carroll County Scope



Due to system overloads in the region, PJM — the regional transmission organization that coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity through all or parts of 13 states, including Maryland — determined that system reinforcements are necessary and that a new overhead transmission line is required in the Piedmont Plateau region of Maryland. Accordingly, the PSEG proposed the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project (MPRP). The MPRP involves constructing a 500,000-volt transmission line stretching approximately 70 miles. The line would pass through northern Baltimore County and Carroll County and into an existing station in southern Frederick County.

In 2024, PSEG, the contractor for the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project, released 10 possible powerline pathways. According to PSEG's [website](#), "As a result of the extensive data gathering and analysis, comments received from the public, field collected data, and the siting team's knowledge and experience, the siting team chose to carry forward Route H as the Proposed Route for the Project."

At the Board's request, the EAC will create a summary of environmental impacts of the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project (MPRP) transmission line alignment. PSEG was required to evaluate the environmental impacts of the proposed alignment as part of the CPCN application process. The results can be found in the Environmental Review Document (ERD).

Process:

1. Review the ERD.
2. Identify key environmental issues to highlight.
3. Briefly summarize the impacts identified in the ERD for each issue.
4. Determine if there are any gaps in the identified impacts, and if so, what those gaps are.
5. Identify any environmental issues or impacts that may not have been addressed in the ERD.
6. Draft text for two- to four-page summary of the key environmental issues and impacts for Carroll County. This summary document will serve as a quick reference for the Board.

PLM staff will review the identified gaps to provide feedback.

Timeline:

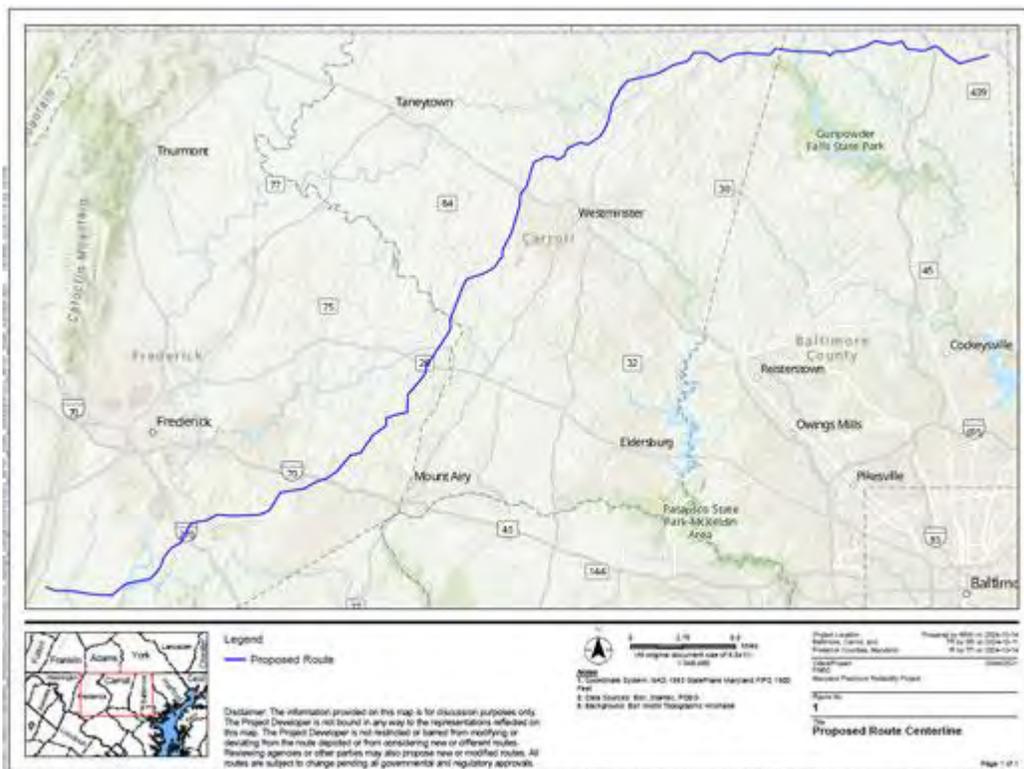
The EAC will strive to complete the final summary document to transmit to the Board in August of 2025.

The Proposed Route is subject to all governmental and regulatory approvals, including a [CPCN submission](#) to the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC).

Next steps include:

- Engineering Due-Diligence and Design Progression
- Public Feedback
- Real Estate Process
 - Letters have been sent to landowners on the proposed route introducing the landowners to the land agent assigned to property.
 - The letter also explains that PSEG is seeking a temporary right of entry agreement to conduct surveys and other studies needed to assess the suitability of the property for the MPRP and to gather information needed for the CPCN evaluation. A temporary right of entry is not an easement and does not grant permanent property rights or construction rights or obligate the landowner to grant an easement.
 - Land agents may visit property owners who have not responded or contacted PSEG to discuss and answer any questions they might have.
 - Land agents will be badged as authorized representatives of PSEG/Contract Land Staff.
- Field Surveys
- Permitting and Regulatory Process

PSEG submitted a [CPCN application](#) to the Maryland PSC on December 31, 2024.





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Proposed Projects Providing Cost Savings AND Environmental Benefits *Scope*

At the Board's request, the EAC will identify proposed capital projects that may provide the co-benefit of cost savings as well as environmental benefits. Relevant County Departments will identify proposed projects to be requested in the FY 2027 budget that may meet these criteria.



Process:

1. Coordinate with relevant Carroll County departments to identify projects proposed for Fiscal Year 2027 that may provide both cost savings AND environmental benefits. [PLM staff]
2. Research the potential environmental benefits of the proposed projects.
3. Draft a summary of the environmental benefits of the proposed projects.
4. Prepare a report to provide to the Board.

Timeline:

The EAC will strive to complete the final summary document by September 2025.



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TIMELINE FOR DISCUSSION 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AWARDS

Now thru May 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">🏆 Solicit prize donations: EAC members🏆 Develop/update nomination packet materials: Brenda/Denise
May 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">🏆 Roll out public campaign<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Nomination packets ready (application, flyer, criteria)▪ Prizes secured (they go on flyers & packets)
Sep 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">🏆 Deadline for nominations
Sep 22-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">🏆 EAC members review & rank; rankings due Sep 30
Oct 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">🏆 Winners notified
Oct 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">🏆 Awards presentation @ Environmental Symposium



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Guest Speaker(s)

- n/a

Other Attendees

- None

1. CALL TO ORDER -

- Mr. Paskoski, Chair, officially called the March 19, 2025, meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) to order at 3:03 PM in Room 204 of the County Office Building.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -

a. February 19, 2025

Discussion/Decision:

- Approval of the February minutes was discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion 489-25: Motion was made by Tom Scanlan and seconded by Michele Smith to approve the February 19, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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3. STAFF LIAISON REPORT -

Discussion/Decision:

- The next meeting will be held on April 16, 2025. The agenda will include continued discussion on the projects in the 2025 Work Plan. The meeting will begin at 3:30 PM rather than the usual 3:00 PM.
- 2024 Financial Disclosure Forms need to be completed by all members before the end of April. The form is online, and once submitted, goes directly to the Ethics Commission office.
- Member Kathleen Marasco resigned from the EAC on March 12, 2025.

4. NEW BUSINESS -

- a. None

5. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS -

a. Climate Resilience in Your Own Backyard - Discussion

Discussion:

- The potential content under each topic was discussed and gaps in information identified. Members will research further to address the identified information. The content will be discussed again at the April 16 meeting.

EAC Member Action Items:

- All members Research to fill in gaps on all topics as discussed. Include link to source and initials. To be discussed April 16.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

b. MPRP Environmental Impact Summary - Discussion

Discussion:

- The EAC will review the Environmental Review Document (ERD) to narrow down key topics and impacts to highlight. Key impacts will be added to content outline. Members will review the impacts at the April 16 meeting to determine where research may be needed to provide additional perspectives.

EAC Member Action Items:

- All members Review the ERD table of contents to identify most important topics and impacts to include in summary. Add bullets with suggested impacts to include. To be discussed April 16.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

c. Cost Savings with Environmental Benefits - Discussion

Discussion:

- Projects need to be identified with the relevant departments before bringing to the EAC for discussion.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

d. 2025 Environmental Action Awards - Discussion

Discussion:

- Sun Nurseries will donate again this year. Ms. Dinne will coordinate with them.
- Ms. Norris' business will donate \$1,000 to the student winner again this year.
- Other businesses are being contacted.

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- Donors will need to be nailed down by the end of April, as the donor information will be added to the Awards webpage and to the flyers.
- Mr. Scanlan will arrange with the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce to schedule an interview with Mike McMullin, President, to be aired near Earth Day.
- The public campaign to solicit nominations will kick off at the end of May.

EAC Member Action Items:

- Mr. Barrett Contact local businesses to inquire about interest in donating prizes for the awards winners. At the April 16 meeting, to be discussed if need to branch out farther.
- Ms. Strobel
- Mr. Paskoski Coordinate with the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce to schedule and conduct a
- Mr. Scanlan WTPP interview.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

e. 2025 Environmental Stewardship Booklet – Discussion

Discussion:

- Ms. Dinne will request updated data from the relevant staff.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

6. OTHER –

- Earth Day 2025: EAC members will request to participate in the Master Gardeners event at Piney Run Nature Center on April 26 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS –

- None.

8. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING –

- The meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 3:00 PM in COB Room 204.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT – MOTION 490-25: Motion was made by Craig Connell and seconded by Charlene Norris to adjourn the March 19, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

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- Tamara Strobel

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- Denise Mathias, EAC Admin Support

Guest Speaker(s)

- n/a

Other Attendees

- None

1. CALL TO ORDER -

- Mr. Paskoski, Chair, officially called the April 16, 2025, meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) to order at 3:45 PM in Room 204 of the County Office Building.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -

a. March 19, 2025

Discussion/Decision:

- Approval of the March minutes was postponed to the May meeting due to lack of a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion XXX-25: Delayed

Reference/Attachment(s):

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3. STAFF LIAISON REPORT -

Discussion/Decision:

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- 2024 Financial Disclosure Forms need to be completed by all members before the end of April. The form is online, and once submitted, goes directly to the Ethics Commission office.
- Ms. Marasco's position has not yet been filled.

4. NEW BUSINESS -

- a. None

5. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS -

a. Climate Resilience in Your Own Backyard - Discussion

Discussion:

- The potential content under each topic was discussed and gaps in information identified. Members volunteered for or were assigned specific topics in the outline to begin drafting text for the document. The draft text will be discussed at the May 21 meeting.

EAC Member Action Items:

- All members Draft text for assigned topic. Include link to source. To be reviewed May 21.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

b. MPRP Environmental Impact Summary - Discussion

Discussion:

- The EAC will continue to review the Environmental Review Document (ERD) to narrow down key topics and impacts to highlight that would the EAC feels would be important to the Bard of County Commissioners. Key impacts will be added to content outline, which was amended at this meeting to possibly include environmental impacts not covered in the ERD and some key potential health impacts.

EAC Member Action Items:

- All members Finish adding bullets with suggested impacts to include. To be discussed May 21.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

c. Cost Savings with Environmental Benefits - Discussion

Discussion:

- Projects need to be identified with the relevant departments before bringing to the EAC for discussion.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

d. 2025 Environmental Action Awards - Discussion

Discussion:

- Mr. Scanlan and Mr. Paskoski were interviewed by Mike McMullin, President, Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, for a WTTR radio spot about the awards. It will air on Sunday, April 20, 2025.
- The public campaign to solicit nominations will kick off at the end of May.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

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Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

e. 2025 Environmental Stewardship Booklet – Discussion

Discussion:

- Ms. Dinne requested updated data from the relevant staff, most of which has been received. She will update the document.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

6. OTHER –

- Earth Day 2025: EAC members will participate in the Master Gardeners event at Piney Run Nature Center on April 26 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Mr. Paskoski will take the lead and has the materials for the exhibit.
- Water Conservation: Since the State has declared a drought warning for Carroll County, the EAC’s Water Conservation outreach piece can be used to raise public awareness.
- Mount Airy Green Fair & Farmer’s Market: A Green Fair will be held during one of the Mount Airy Farmer’s Market dates in the summer. The EAC is invited to attend. Once more information is available, the EAC will discuss whether to participate.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS –

- None.

8. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING –

- The meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 3:00 PM in COB Room 204.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT – MOTION 491-25: Motion was made by Curt Barrett and seconded by Ashley Collier to adjourn the April 16, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

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Guest Speaker(s)

- n/a

Other Attendees

- None

1. CALL TO ORDER -

- Mr. Paskoski, Chair, officially called the May 21, 2025, meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) to order at 3:02 PM in Room 204 of the County Office Building.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -

a. March 19, 2025

Discussion/Decision:

- Approval of the March minutes was discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion 492-25: Motion was made by Curt Barrett and seconded by Tamara Strobel to approve the March 19, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/meetings/

b. April 16, 2025

Discussion/Decision:

- Approval of the April minutes was discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion 493-25: Motion was made by Tamara Strobel and seconded by Curt Barrett to approve the April 16, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/meetings/

3. STAFF LIAISON REPORT -

Discussion/Decision:

- The next meeting will be held on June 18, 2025, at 3:00 PM. The agenda will include continued discussion on the projects in the 2025 Work Plan.
- Ms. Smith will begin working on arranging for a tour of the Howard County compost facility in place of the October EAC meeting.
- Ms. Marasco’s position has not yet been filled. A Certificate of Appreciation will be sent to Ms. Marasco.

4. NEW BUSINESS -

- a. None

5. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS -

a. Climate Resilience in Your Own Backyard - Discussion

Discussion:

- The initial draft text was discussed. Some additional work was needed by members, which will be completed by June 4. The revised draft text will be discussed at the June 18 meeting.

EAC Member Action Items:

- All members Complete initial draft text. To be discussed June 18.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

b. MPRP Environmental Impact Summary - Discussion

Discussion:

- The suggested content was discussed and determined to have addressed the most important topics. Members will develop bulleted points for discussion at the June 18 meeting.

EAC Member Action Items:

- All members Develop and insert bulleted impacts to outline. To be discussed June 18.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

c. Cost Savings with Environmental Benefits - Discussion

Discussion:

- Projects need to be identified with the relevant departments before bringing to the EAC for discussion.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

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d. 2025 Environmental Action Awards – Discussion

Discussion:

- All materials have been updated. As soon as the gift value of each gift is identified, the materials will be finalized.
- The final materials will be either emailed or hardcopies mailed to the distribution list by the first week of June. A news release will be sent out around June 2,
- Awards will be presented at the Carroll EnviroFest (formerly “Environmental Symposium”) on October 25.
- The businesses that committed to donating prizes are as follows:
 - ◆ Spot-On Engineering Solutions, Inc. – \$1,000 scholarship to the Student Engagement winner
 - ◆ Sun Nurseries in Woodbine – gift basket valued at \$350 to the winner in each category
 - ◆ Local Homestead Products in New Windsor – gift valued at an amount still to be determined to the winner in each category
 - ◆ JeannieBird Baking Company in Westminster – gift basket valued at \$50 to the winner in each category
 - ◆ Rudolph Books in Westminster – book to the Educational Outreach winner

EAC Member Action Items:

- Ms. Strobel Confirm gift value amount with Local Homestead Products.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/environmental-action-awards/>

e. 2025 Environmental Stewardship Booklet – Discussion

Discussion:

- Most of the updated information has been received and reflected in the draft document. The EAC will review the draft at the June 18 meeting.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

6. OTHER –

- Earth Day 2025: Mr. Paskoski participated in the Master Gardeners event at Piney Run Nature Center on April 26 on behalf of the EAC. The event was lightly attended and possibly impacted by parking availability due to another event at the park that day.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS –

- None.

8. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING -

- The meeting adjourned at 3:43 PM. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 3:00 PM in COB Room 204.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT - MOTION 494-25: Motion was made by Curt Barrett and seconded by Craig Connell to adjourn the May 21, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

 Regular Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, June 18, 2025 @ 3:00 PM, COB Room 204



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Meeting Summary for June 18, 2025

Members

- Curtis Barrett
- Ashley Collier
- Craig Connell
- Charlene Norris
- Craig Paskoski
- Tom Scanlan
- Michele Smith
- Tamara Strobel

County Government

- Brenda Dinne, Special Projects Coordinator/ EAC Staff Liaison/Secretary
- Denise Mathias, EAC Admin Support

Guest Speaker(s)

- n/a

Other Attendees

- None

1. CALL TO ORDER -

- Mr. Paskoski, Chair, officially called the June 18, 2025, meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) to order at 3:01 PM in Room 204 of the County Office Building.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -

a. May 21, 2025

Discussion/Decision:

- Approval of the May minutes was discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion 495-25 Motion was made by Craig Connell and seconded by Curt Barrett to approve the May 21, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/meetings/

3. STAFF LIAISON REPORT -

Discussion/Decision:

- The next meeting will be held on July 16, 2025, at 3:00 PM. The agenda will include continued discussion on the projects in the 2025 Work Plan.
- The Board of County Commissioners will meet soon to discuss vacancies on boards and commissions. Ms. Marasco's position needs to be filled. The EAC is in need of additional member applications.

4. NEW BUSINESS -

- a. None

5. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS -

- a. **Climate Resilience in Your Own Backyard - Discussion**

Discussion:

- The revised, formatted draft text was discussed. Some of the topics will be expanded, and additional graphics/visuals will be incorporated. Additional work will be completed, and a revised draft will be prepared for review, discussion, and possible approval at the July 16 meeting.

EAC Member Action Items:

- N/A

Reference/Attachment(s):

- *n/a*

- b. **MPRP Environmental Impact Summary - Discussion**

Discussion:

- This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting. Members still need to draft bulleted, talking points for discussion at the July 16 meeting.

EAC Member Action Items:

- All members Develop and insert bulleted impacts to outline. To be discussed July 16.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- *n/a*

- c. **2025 Environmental Action Awards - Discussion**

Discussion:

- A combination of electronic and hardcopies of the awards nomination packet was distributed in the second week of June.
- A news release was sent out on June 2. A follow-up/reminder news release is anticipated for the end of August.
- Ms. Strobel is working on confirming the value of Local Homestead Products' donation to the prize winners.
- Mike McMullin with the Chamber of Commerce would like to schedule another interview with Mr. Scanlan and Mr. Paskoski for the end of August.
- Other than spreading the word about nominations, no additional work is needed at this time.

EAC Member Action Items:

- Ms. Strobel Confirm gift value amount with Local Homestead Products.
- All members Spread the word

Reference/Attachment(s):

- <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/environmental-action-awards/>

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d. 2025 Environmental Stewardship Booklet – Discussion

Discussion:

- Most of the updated information has been received and reflected in the draft document. The final draft will be sent to the EAC prior to the next meeting. The updated document will be provided to the MDE Secretary in July.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

e. Cost Savings with Environmental Benefits – Discussion

Discussion:

- Projects need to be identified with the relevant departments before bringing to the EAC for discussion.

EAC Member Action Items:

- N/A

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

6. OTHER –

- Piney Run Enthusiasts Correspondence: The EAC discussed correspondence received regarding observations at Piney Run Park. The correspondence was shared with the Recreation and Parks Department. The Chief of Parks responded to the concerns. This correspondence and response was shared with the EAC. However, the letter and envelope did not indicate how to get in touch with a response.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS –

- None.

8. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING –

- The meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 3:00 PM in COB Room 204.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT – MOTION 496-25: Motion was made by Curt Barrett and seconded by Tom Scanlan to adjourn the June 18, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

 Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, July 16, 2025 @ 3:00 PM, COB Room 204



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Meeting Summary for July 16, 2025

Members

- Curtis Barrett
- Ashley Collier
- Craig Connell
- Charlene Norris
- Craig Paskoski
- Tom Scanlan
- Michele Smith
- Tamara Strobel

County Government

- Brenda Dinne, Special Projects Coordinator/ EAC Staff Liaison/Secretary
- Denise Mathias, EAC Admin Support

Guest Speaker(s)

- n/a

Other Attendees

- None

1. CALL TO ORDER -

- Mr. Paskoski, Chair, officially called the June 18, 2025, meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) to order at 3:04 PM in Room 204 of the County Office Building.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -

a. June 18, 2025

Discussion/Decision:

- Tabled until the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion -25 Tabled.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/meetings/

3. STAFF LIAISON REPORT -

Discussion/Decision:

- The next meeting will be held on August 20, 2025, at 3:00 PM at the Farm Museum. The meeting will start in the Greer Room. The agenda will include approval of minutes from the June and July meetings, as well as approval of the Climate Resilience in Your Own Backyard outreach piece. After a short business meeting, the Chris Heyn will give the EAC a tour of the stormwater facilities onsite.
- The Board of County Commissioners invited two individuals to serve on the EAC to fill the remainder of Kathleen Marasco's and Tom Scanlan's terms. Mr. Scanlan is continuing to serve until a replacement for his seat can take over. Mr. Paskoski's second term will expire on October 31, 2025, at which time his seat will become vacant. The Commissioners' Office will be informed of the upcoming opening.
- Coordination continues to plan a tour of the Howard County Composting Facility for the EAC in October.

4. NEW BUSINESS -

- a. None

5. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS -

- a. **Climate Resilience in Your Own Backyard - Discussion**

Discussion:

- The revised, formatted draft text was discussed. A QR Code will be added to take people to the online version to access the hyperlinks in the document. Due to lack of quorum, approval of the document was tabled until the August meeting.

EAC Member Action Items:

- N/A

Reference/Attachment(s):

- *n/a*

- b. **MPRP Environmental Impact Summary - Discussion**

Discussion:

- An initial (incomplete) draft of the summary document was briefly reviewed and discussed. Additional work is needed. EAC members will review the draft and add to it prior to the August meeting.

EAC Member Action Items:

- All members Review and add information where needed. To be discussed August 20.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- *n/a*

- c. **2025 Environmental Action Awards - Discussion**

Discussion:

- A QR Code card was created to provide to prior businesses that won an award to be placed at their register or other appropriate location to get the word out.

EAC Member Action Items:

- Ms. Strobel Confirm gift value amount with Local Homestead Products.
- All members Spread the word

Reference/Attachment(s):

- <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/environmental-action-awards/>

d. 2025 Environmental Stewardship Booklet – Discussion

Discussion:

- The final document is being printed. The hard copies and electronic copies will be distributed per the distribution list after being printed. It is anticipated they will be distributed before the end of August.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

6. OTHER –

- Carroll EnviroFest 2025: The EAC will investigate options for replacing the previous display board with something different.
- Work Plan: Ideas for the 2026 Work Plan will be discussed at the November meeting.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS –

- None.

8. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING –

- The meeting adjourned at 4:13 PM. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 3:00 PM in the Greer Room at the Carroll County Farm Museum.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT – MOTION -25: A vote was not taken due to lack of quorum.

Upcoming Meetings:

 *Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, August 20, 2025 @ 3:00 PM, Carroll County Farm Museum*



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Meeting Summary for August 20, 2025

Members

- Curtis Barrett
- Ashley Collier
- Craig Connell
- Charlene Norris
- Craig Paskoski
- Tom Scanlan
- Michele Smith
- Tamara Strobel

County Government

- Brenda Dinne, Special Projects Coordinator/ EAC Staff Liaison/Secretary
- Denise Mathias, EAC Admin Support
- Chris Heyn, Director, Planning & Land Management

Guest Speaker(s)

- n/a

Other Attendees

- None

1. CALL TO ORDER -

- Mr. Paskoski, Chair, officially called the August 20, 2025, meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) to order at 3:09 PM in the Grier Room at the Carroll County Farm Museum.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -

a. June 18, 2025 and July 16, 2025

Discussion/Decision:

- None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion 495-25 Motion was made by Craig Connell and seconded by Ashley Collier to approve the June 18, 2025, and July 16, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/meetings/

3. STAFF LIAISON REPORT -

Discussion/Decision:

- The next meeting will be held on September 17, 2025, at 3:00 PM. The agenda will include continued discussion on the MPRP environmental impacts summary project, as well as the Environmental Action Awards.
- The Board of County Commissioners invited two people to serve on the EAC to fill the current vacancies. Both declined, as their circumstances had changed. New member applications are needed.

4. NEW BUSINESS -

- a. None

5. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS –

a. Climate Resilience in Your Own Backyard – Discussion

Discussion:

- The final draft of the public outreach document was approved as a final document, ready to be available to the public. It will be distributed with the Environmental Stewardship booklet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion 498-25 Motion was made by Craig Connell and seconded by Ashley Collier to approve as final the *Climate Resilience in Your Own Backyard* public outreach document, as presented. Motion carried.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/other-eac-publications-topics/>

b. MPRP Environmental Impact Summary – Discussion

Discussion:

- Chris Heyn provided direction on additional information to add to the summary related to what the Board of County Commissioners requested.
- The EAC should look for instances where more work will be needed than just what is required by law. An example would be forest conservation. State law exempts this project. However, with over 200 acres of forest expected to be cleared, the County may request this and similar issues to do more mitigation than required by law.
- The EAC members will look for red flags and questions. Staff will review to determine how this is addressed in the law and if additional mitigation should be requested.

EAC Member Action Items:

- All members Look for any red flags where it seems like something may not be mitigated and provide to Ms. Dinne

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

c. 2025 Environmental Action Awards – Discussion

Discussion:

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EAC Member Action Items:

- Ms. Strobel Confirm gift value amount with Local Homestead Products.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/environmental-action-awards/>

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6. OTHER -

- Carroll EnviroFest 2025: A monitor and stand will be lent to the EAC to replace the cardboard display with a digital display.
- Howard County Composting Facility Tour: The tour will be in place of the regular monthly meeting in October. Some members will meet at the facility, and the rest will ride down together from Westminster. The tour will start at 3:00 PM.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS -

- None.

8. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING -

- The meeting adjourned at 3:38 PM. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 3:00 PM in Room 204 of the County Office Building.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT - MOTION 499-25: Motion was made by Craig Connell and seconded by Ashley Collier to adjourn the August 20, 2025, meeting and proceed to the tour. Motion carried.

9. FARM MUSEUM STORMWATER FACILITY TOUR -

- The meeting was followed by a tour of the stormwater management facilities and practices at the Farm Museum. Mr. Heyn explained their purpose and how they work.

Upcoming Meetings:

 Regular Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, September 17, 2025 @ 3:00 PM, Room 204, COB



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Members

- Curtis Barrett
- Ashley Collier
- Craig Connell
- Charlene Norris
- Craig Paskoski
- Tom Scanlan
- Michele Smith
- Tamara Strobel

County Government

- Brenda Dinne, Special Projects Coordinator/ EAC Staff Liaison/Secretary
- Denise Mathias, EAC Admin Support

Guest Speaker(s)

- n/a

Other Attendees

- None

1. CALL TO ORDER -

- Mr. Paskoski, Chair, officially called the September 17, 2025, meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) to order at 3:10 PM in Room 204 of the County Office Building.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -

a. August 20, 2025

Discussion/Decision:

- None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion 500-25 Motion was made by Tamara Strobel and seconded by Tom Scanlan to approve the August 20, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/meetings/

3. STAFF LIAISON REPORT -

Discussion/Decision:

- Applications for the vacant and upcoming positions on the EAC were received as a result of the press release that was sent out at the end of August.

4. NEW BUSINESS -

a. None

5. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS -

a. MPRP Environmental Impact Summary - Discussion & Potential Approval

Discussion:

- The EAC members reviewed a final draft of the document, which summarizes environmental impacts from the Environmental Review Document (ERD) specific to Carroll County. They agreed that additional background information was not necessary, as the higher priority is the mitigation measures requested. These measures relate to forest conservation and floodplains.
- The document was considered final. The document will be provided to the Board of County Commissioners.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT - MOTION 501-25: Motion was made by Curtis Barrett and seconded by Tamara Strobel to approve the document as final as presented. Motion carried.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- *MPRP Environmental Impact Summary and Mitigation Requested*

b. 2025 Environmental Action Awards - Discussion

Discussion:

- Only one nomination has been received to date. Historically, the majority of applications have been received close to the deadline.
- The EAC members discussed actions that could be taken to encourage more nominations. This included extending the deadline to September 26. However, ultimately, it was decided that this would not likely result in additional nominations. Much was already done to get the word out, including sending the information to the schools for distribution more than once. Whether more nominations are received or not, the prize will be awarded.
- The EAC members felt they may need to evaluate again what could be done to generate more nominations in the future.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/environmental-action-awards/>

6. OTHER -

- Carroll EnviroFest 2025: Additional copies are being printed of EAC publications to be available to hand out at the event. Ms. Dinne will prepare a digital presentation to display on the monitor that Ms. Norris will bring for the event.
- Howard County Composting Facility Tour: The tour will be in place of the regular monthly meeting in October. Some members will meet at the facility, and the rest will ride down together from Westminster. The tour will start at 3:00 PM.

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EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS -

- None.

8. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING -

- The meeting adjourned at 3:53 PM. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 3:00 PM in Room 204 of the County Office Building.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT - MOTION 502-25: Motion was made by Tamara Strobel and seconded by Tom Scanlan to adjourn the September 17, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

 Howard County Composting Facility Tour – Wednesday, October 15, 2025 @ 3:00 PM, Alpha Ridge Landfill

 Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, November 12, 2025 @ 3:00 PM, Room 204, COB



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Meeting Summary for November 12, 2025

Members

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- Ashley Collier
- Craig Connell
- Charlene Norris
- Aaron Salter
- Tom Scanlan
- Michele Smith
- Tamara Strobel

County Government

- Brenda Dinne, Special Projects Coordinator/ EAC Staff Liaison/Secretary
- Denise Mathias, EAC Admin Support

Guest Speaker(s)

- n/a

Other Attendees

- None

1. CALL TO ORDER –

- Due to the lack of a Chair and Vice Chair at the meeting, Ms. Dinne called to order the November 12, 2025, meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) at 3:10 PM in Room 204 of the County Office Building.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER –

- Mr. Aaron Salter was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Ms. Kathleen Marasco in March. Mr. Salter’s term will expire on September 30, 2029. He and the other members introduced themselves and provided a brief background on themselves.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES –

a. September 17, 2025

Discussion/Decision:

- Discussion and approval of minutes was tabled until the January 21, 2026, meeting due to lack of quorum.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/meetings/

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS –

Discussion/Decision:

- The monthly meeting dates for 2026 were provided. They will be posted on the EAC Meetings webpage.
- Election of a new Chair with the expiration of Mr. Paskoski’s term was tabled until the January 21, 2026, meeting due to lack of quorum.
- The afternoon of Thursday, January 29, 2026, will be requested for the annual joint meeting between the EAC and the Board of County Commissioners. This is a tentative date.

EAC Member Action Items:

- All members RSVP to Ms. Dinne for January 21, 2026, meeting
- All members RSVP to Ms. Dinne for annual meeting with Board of County Commissioners

5. NEW BUSINESS –

a. Proposed 2026 Work Plan – Discussion

Discussion/Decision:

- The Cost Savings with Environmental Benefits project in the 2025 Work Plan will be carried over to the 2026 Work Plan.
- Prep work on the 2027 Environmental Action Awards may begin in 2026, depending on the timing of the 2027 awards process.
- Ashlee Treece offered to arrange a tour of We Care Denali at the Hoods Mills landfill as the 2026 tour.
- It is anticipated that the Board will add at least one project to the work plan at the annual joint meeting. The work plan will be finalized after reviewing the proposed projects with the Board.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

b. 2025 Annual Report – Discussion and Potential Approval

Discussion/Decision:

- The EAC reviewed the content of the 2025 Annual Report. No additional material was suggested.
- The annual report could not be considered for approval. Two additional members were invited to serve and could be added before the end of the calendar year.

EAC Member Action Items:

- All members Review draft to ensure all actions were captured

6. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS –

a. 2025 Environmental Action Awards – Discussion

Discussion:

- All award winners were present for the awards presentation at the 2025 Carroll EnviroFest. All received their prizes and an award certificate.
- Photos of the winners when they received their awards were sent to the winners and were also posted on the awards webpage.
- Thank you letters were sent to the businesses that donated prizes.
- Gratitude was expressed to Ms. Norris for bringing a monitor to use for the digital presentation.
- The 2025 process is now wrapped up.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/environmental-action-awards/>

b. Carroll EnviroFest 2025 – Discussion

Discussion:

- Thanks went to Mr. Paskoski and Ms. Norris, who participated in the EnviroFest and the awards presentation.
- The event went well. Positive feedback was received on the EAC exhibit.
- Positive feedback was received on the venue and the layout.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/directory/planning-land-management/carroll-envirofest/>

7. OTHER –

- No additional topics were brought up.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS –

- None.

9. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING –

- The meeting ended at 3:50 PM. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 3:00 PM in Room 204 of the County Office Building.

Upcoming Meetings:

 Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, January 21, 2026 @ 3:00 PM, Room 204, COB

 Annual Meeting with Board of County Commissioners – TBD