

**Minutes**  
**Advisory Commission on Environmental Quality (CEQ)**  
**May 25, 2016, 7:00 PM**  
**Dept. of Environmental Protection & Sustainability, Room 319: County Office Building,**  
**111 W. Chesapeake Ave, Towson, MD 21204**

**CEQ meeting dates, membership information, and reports are always available online here:**  
[www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/ceq/index.html](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/ceq/index.html)

**Attendance:** James Deriu, Mary Gruver-Byers, Valerie Andoutsopoulos, Linda Davis, Lois Jacobs, Steve Morsberger

**Baltimore County Staff:** Brian Lindley, Amelia Atkins, Chris Davis, Vince Gardina

**Absent:** Glenn Elseroad, Bill Breakey, Andy Miller, Brian Fath, Rex Wright, Russell Donnelly, German Mora, Carol Newill

## **Welcome and Introductions**

### **I. Old Business**

- Web versions of meeting minutes were emailed to members for review and comment. Approval of minutes will be done through email so they can be posted to the website.
- The 2015 CEQ Annual Report will be emailed to members for review, comment and approval.
- Several CEQ member appointments have expired or are due to expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Steve has requested if members are willing to continue with their appointments and will coordinate appointments with Vince Gardina and the County Executive Office.

### **II. Group Discussion Items with Vince Gardina (Director of EPS)**

- The County has 6,000 acres of impervious surface that require treatment to comply with their NPDES (MS4) Permit related to TMDL reduction goals associated with sediment, nitrogen and phosphorous.
- The County's TMDL Program includes implementation measures that incorporates education and community outreach, rooftop disconnects, and capital improvement projects such as stormwater management, stream restoration and tree planting projects.
- Major progress toward meeting TMDL reductions to this point has included upgrades and improvements to the 2 wastewater treatment plants (Back River and Patapsco) located in the County.
- Funding for the TMDL program appears to be adequate for FY 2017, but reduction of the stormwater management fee will likely effect future funding of the program, which could potentially affect the ability to achieve the required TMDL reduction goals. Not meeting the required TMDL reduction goals could lead to a consent decree by EPA.
- Bacteria TMDL is coming soon and a Chloride TMDL may also be required in the future.
- The watershed implementation plans developed by the County require planning and methods to achieve TMDL reductions.

### **III. New Business**

- Comprehensive Zoning Map Process (CZMP) – Discussion on trying to address the Council on CZMP requests that may involve properties with environmental impacts.
  - Schedule of process – Public Board Planning Hearings happened in March; County Council Hearings are to take place in June; and County Council review and vote July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - CEQ members to consult with each of our Council members to find out if there are particular parcels under consideration that are of concern regarding environmental issues.
- Steve to coordinate with members on the annual social dinner/picnic.

### **IV. Adjourn**