

**Baltimore County Commission on  
Environmental Quality  
Minutes of Meeting January 27, 2010**

**Attendance:**

CEQ members:

Present Jerry Jurrick, Joan Norman, Mike Pierce, Brian Fath, Nell Strachen, Carri Beer, Rex Wright, Linda Davis, Tom Moore

Absent: Kathy Martin, Lois Jacobs, Russ Donnelly, Willie Grier, Ray Davis

County Staff: Don Outen, DEPRM

Intern: Lauren Cutlip

**Housekeeping:**

The minutes for the November meeting were approved

**Presentation**

CEQ member Rex Wright gave a brief presentation on the connection between water and electricity and noted that it is expected that 38 states will experience shortages in coming years.

The essential fact of the presentation is that 40% of electricity is used for water (production, sewage pumping, etc) and 40% of water used to produce electricity. Thus, saving in either will have a big effect.

One current step to help this situation is the bill being considered at the state level, which will standardize gray-water regulations.

The discussion turned to the stormwater regulations, which were passed last year, and the attempts now being made to delay the effective date. One of the major issues for Baltimore County is that the limit of a minimum of 40% impervious surface before a redevelopment project is subject to reduced requirements is making many expected projects infeasible. A limit of 30-35% would be more appropriate.

In addition, the requirements for channel (stream) volume protection are not appropriate in areas where all remnants of the streams are already gone. This also places a major burden on redevelopment in highly urbanized portions of the County.

It was noted that Baltimore County has been the leader in stormwater management since back in the 80's, having regulations in place before the State did.

**Annual report**

The draft was approved with a few additions and will be added to the CEQ website..

**Web Site: updates**

The updates to the website were discussed, especially the impact of the statement for citizens to contact the CEQ with questions. It was agreed that the statement could be made a little more inviting. Summaries and links to all completed reports will be added.

**Sustainability Network**

Don Outen reported on the status of the Sustainability Network.

## **Salt**

Discussions have been completed with Councilmen Gardina, McIntire, Moxley, and Oliver. Attempts will be made to arrange meetings with the other three.

## **Deer**

The deer population report was also discussed with the four councilmen along with the salt discussion. It was reported that the managed hunt in Loch Raven Reservoir land during the past two years totaled 720 deer. The County and City are cooperating in continued management and efforts could be made to encourage the state to participate on state park land. At this point, the CEQ does not need to push the subject.

## **Tours**

The tours for Jonas Jacobson of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Districts have been completed. District 5 should be next.

## **Master Plan**

Work is getting underway for the water resources portion of the Master Plan and input is invited from all citizens. It was noted that the Rural portion was approved by the Planning Board the previous Thursday.

## **Next work**

CEQ members should consider what further studies the group should perform and what types of speakers would be helpful to the members. A speaker on recycling in the county should be arranged.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be February 24.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.