

**Baltimore County Commission on
Environmental Quality
Minutes of Meeting February 24, 2010**

Attendance:

CEQ members:

Present Jerry Jurrick, Lois Jacobs, Russ Donnelly, Mike Pierce, Brian Fath, Nell Strachen, Carri Beer, Linda Davis

Absent: Kathy Martin, Willie Grier, Ray Davis, Rex Wright, Tom Moore, Joan Norman

County Staff: Don Outen, DEPRM, Pat Brady

Housekeeping:

The minutes for the January meeting were approved

Presentation

Pat Brady provided an update to the GHG emissions inventory that she had done previously. She is now on contract to the County to add the schools, libraries, and revenue authority into the data and to update the previous numbers for the other County buildings. She stressed the importance of having data collected in a way that will make annual inventories easy and routine.

Sustainability Network

There has not been much activity during the past month. David Carroll has been invited to speak at the March CEQ meeting to update on SN activity.

Salt

This meeting comes at the end of the snowiest February, certainly producing a new record for the amount of salt spread in the County. In spite of the bad roads, Mike was able to talk to Councilman Bartenfelder about the Salt Study. A meeting is scheduled with Councilman Olszewski on March 5 (subsequently changed to March 9). Russ and Mike plan to meet with him.

There is a bill before the state legislature (SB775/HB903) which would require counties to develop a management program to protect the environment from road salt. It is rather general and does not even contain a mention of reducing the amount of salt used.

Brian will verify whether Kathy has spoken with the County Executive on this subject and attempt to arrange a meeting if not.

Tours

A tour of District 5 should be possible at any time. The tour itinerary for District 7 is set; a date needs to be found with Jonas. An electronic version of the tour report from District 2 is needed.

Future programs and work

For the April meeting we will get someone to talk about the solid waste management process, especially recycling.

The group discussed the possibility to taking on studies on several issues:

- Plastic Bags - investigate what other jurisdictions are doing to reduce their use (Lois, Mike).
- Telecommuting - It was noted that this was part of a study requested on the County Auditor in 2008 (Nell, Linda)
- The application of PACE (Property Accessed Clean Energy) which has been authorized by the state, but only active in two counties (Carri, Jerry and Brian).

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be March 24.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.