

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes  
February 4, 2013 EPC Work Session

**EPC Members in Attendance**

✓	Josh Sawislak (Chair)	✓	Sam Gaugush	✓	Kurt Moser
✓	Chinling Chen	X	Scott Barstow	✓	Geoffrey Goode
✓	Steve Walz	✓	Ryan Sloan	✓	Rebecca Jablon
X	Ryan Wojtanowski	X	Monica Starnes	✓	Jim Kapsis

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

**City Staff**

Bill Skrabak, Khoa Tran

**Begin 7:40 PM**

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Josh called the meeting to order and welcomed Kathryn Papp, Sharon Annear and James Durham, local citizens, and Adrienne Fancher from AlexRenew.

**Public Comments**

- None

**Stormwater Changes: Chesapeake Bay TMDL and New Regulations, Lalit Sharma, PE, Division Chief, Jesse Maines, Sr., Environmental Specialist, T&ES**

- The Chesapeake Bay TMDL focuses on reductions in Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Sediment
  - o The Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit enforces the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.
  - o Jesse explained that the current permit expires June 30, 2013; the application for the next permit is due April 1, 2013.
  - o There are three phases to the MS4 permits
    - Phase I – 5% reduction target
    - Phase II – 40% reduction target
    - Phase III – 100% reduction
- The potential Bay TMDL reduction strategies include retrofits on city property and of city rights-of-way, post-2009 stormwater BMPs, projected urban redevelopment, and pond retrofits and new ponds. Jesse went on to describe approaches within these strategies. As the program develops, more opportunities will be explored.
- Highlights of the new state stormwater management regulations include more aggressive water quality criteria, water quantity criteria looking at volume-based hydrology, the DCR Local Stormwater Program and the offsite compliance for development impacts.
- The stormwater regulations timeline begins with the Draft Ordinance to DCR on April 1, 2013, and the effective date will be July 1, 2014.
- The City is creating a Steering Committee and a Stormwater Workgroup, and will create functional subgroups based on milestones and big issues.
- Community outreach will occur in Summer/Fall 2013

**Commission Member and Staff Update**

- Earth Day and Ellen Pickering Award Update
  - o Earth Day festivities will be held April 20, 2013.

- Earth Day Planning meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month; all are welcome.
- The announcement for exhibitors has gone out; it's an electronic form this year. Applications will be accepted, with no fee, until March 22<sup>nd</sup>. From March 22<sup>nd</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup>, a \$100 fee will apply.
- Please let Chinling know if EPC members know of anyone that would be interested in exhibiting.
- Chinling will send out a list of last year's exhibitors to the EPC.
- The committee is getting ready to announce the Pickering Award. The City is looking over the press release.
- EPC Representative in the Fort Ward Stakeholder Advisory Group
  - Steve attended the last meeting, and explained that the history of the site is very interesting.
  - Josh asked that anyone interested in filling the EPC rep role to please contact him.
- EAP Steering Committing Meeting on January 28, 2013
  - Scott, who attended the meeting, stated that two City Council members, Del Pepper and John Chapman, are members of the committee.
  - An overview of the EAP and the Eco-City Charter and emerging issues was given.
  - Ideas raised by the City Council members were to focus on communicating out to the community and electric vehicles.
- Potomac Yard Metro Implementation Work Group
  - Monica attended the last meeting on Josh's behalf, and will report back at the next meeting.
- The first Potomac River Generating System (PRGS) Monitoring Group meeting will be held February 20, 2013 from 7 – 8 pm.
- Bill stated that the Oronoco Outfall Remediation Project has begun construction on the in-situ groundwater treatment system.

**Adjourn 9:00 PM**