

PEARCE CREEK IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
February 17, 2017 10:00 AM
90B North Center Street
Cecilton, MD 21919

Attendees:

AECOM: Chris Rogers

Bay View Estates (BVE) Residents: Dave Heacock, Ken Cowley, George Hansell, Bill Haines, William J. Fischer, Mary Ann Fischer, Sandy Stake, John Sobon, Becky Kiersznowski

Cecil County Council: Bob Meffley

Cecil County Department of Planning and Zoning: Tony DiGiacomo

Cecil County Health Department: Angela Scramlin

Cecil Whig: Jake Owens

Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE): Elder Ghigiarelli

Maryland Environmental Service (MES): Kristen Keene, Christine Holmburg

Maryland Department of Transportation's Port Administration (MPA): Kristen Fidler, Chris Correale, Dave Bibo

Congressman Harris's Office: Mary O'Keeffe

Sunset Pointe: Kathleen McDonough

Town of Cecilton: Mary Cooper

US Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District (CENAP): Gavin Kaiser

West View Shores (WVS) Residents: Diane English, Valerie Woodruff, Steve Modzelewski, Holly Irvine, Wayne Dooley, Pat Korja-Dooley

1.0 Welcome & Introductions

Kristen Fidler, Chair

- The attendees were welcomed to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.
- The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) released their full report on the findings of the Pearce Creek groundwater investigation which is available on the Pearce Creek Outreach website (<http://www.pearcecreekoutreach.com/RelatedDocuments.html>). The ATSDR still advises the use of bottled water for drinking and cooking until the new water system becomes available.

2.0 Summary Approval

Committee Members

- The committee members reviewed the draft December 2016 Pearce Creek Implementation Committee (PCIC) meeting summary and it was approved as written; the summary will be posted as final on the Pearce Creek outreach website (www.pearcecreekoutreach.com).

3.0 Philadelphia District Corps (CENAP) Update

Gavin Kaiser, CENAP

Liner Construction Updates

- The liner is 100% complete; the remaining components include testing of the liner, placement of the geotextile material, and placement of the topsoil cover to further protect the liner.

Groundwater Monitoring Plan Update

- The installation of 18 new monitoring wells will occur in addition to the 19 existing wells for a total of 37 groundwater monitoring wells.

- The wells within the Pearce Creek Dredged Material Containment Facility (DMCF) had to be abandoned due to the placement of the liner; therefore, additional locations around the perimeter of the site were chosen. Installation will occur in March or April.
- The final groundwater monitoring plan was approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) on February 3rd. A copy of the approved groundwater monitoring plan will be made available on the outreach website (http://www.pearcecreekoutreach.com/Documents/012017_FinalGWMonPlan.pdf). Councilman Meffley asked if the groundwater monitoring reports would be made available to the citizens; Mr. Kaiser indicated that the reports will be submitted to MDE.

Discharge Monitoring Plan Update:

- The discharge monitoring plan is being developed and is expected to be submitted to MDE in the March/April timeframe. (*Update: the Discharge Monitoring Plan Scope of Work was sent to MDE in mid-February*).

4.0 Drinking Water Line Planning Progress

Chris Rogers, AECOM

Water System Construction Updates

- Regarding the transmission main, the contractor is working on completion of the two chlorine injection stations and some miscellaneous service connections along Pond Neck Road. Road restoration services are also slated to occur as part of the transmission main contract.
- Regarding the distribution system project, all of the pipe installation will be complete by the end of the day.

On-lot Construction Bid Advertisement

- The on-lot construction bid has been advertised and responses are due on March 9th. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for February 23rd. The on-lot construction is the third phase of the waterline project and will include the connection of homes to the distribution main, any in-home plumbing as necessary, and abandonment of wells.
- Prioritizing full-time residents for hook-up was not included in the bid documents; AECOM thought it best to remain flexible and work with the communities.
- The time it takes to complete a hook-up will vary from home to home; approximately 20 homes per month will be connected to the system.
- All of the on-lot construction details will be discussed at the *What to Expect During on-lot Construction* meeting which will be held Saturday April 8th at 10 am in the Bohemia Manor High School auditorium.

Access Agreements

- AECOM will need to receive signed access agreements from each homeowner within the communities to allow the contractor to perform work on their private property.
- The access agreement will state that the owner will allow the contractor on the lot and in the dwelling to perform the work necessary to connect the house to the piping.

Community Road Repaving

- Regarding road repaving and speed bumps, Bay View Estates (BVE) would like the speed bumps replaced, with some modifications; West View Shores (WVS) would like some of their speed bumps eliminated and the community board leaders are working on a plan.

- AECOM will hold discussions with the communities regarding the requested changes to the speed bump layout.
- The repaving of Pond Neck Road will be conducted in accordance with county requirements and community roads will be repaved in accordance with the construction contract documents.
- The roads will be videotaped as fully restored and the on-lot contractor will be responsible for any damage that occurs thereafter as a result of the on-lot activities. A resident expressed a concern that the on-lot activities will damage the newly restored roads and asked if repaving could occur after completion of the entire project. AECOM will discuss the options with MPA.
- It was mentioned that the gravel issue still exists between South Drive and Maryland Drive along Pond Neck Road.

5.0 MPA Updates

Kristen Fidler

Elected Official Outreach

- The Maryland General Assembly's 90-day session remains underway; the MPA budget and priorities which includes the Pearce Creek project are being presented.
- The next Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for May 18th which includes the Secretaries of MDE, Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), US Army Corps of Engineers from both the Baltimore and Philadelphia Districts, MES, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and a representative from the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Inflow Tours

- Inflow is expected at the Cox Creek DMCF in Anne Arundel County in April; the PCIC members were invited to take a tour during the inflow event. More details will be provided once the exact dates of inflow are determined.

Fall 2016 Exterior Monitoring Update

- The fall 2016 exterior monitoring sampling event in the Elk River and Pearce Creek Lake has been completed and Anchor QEA is in the process of drafting the report. The monitoring efforts include sampling of the water quality, sediment quality, and benthic community.
- A representative from Anchor QEA will be attending the April 21st PCIC meeting to give a presentation of the fall 2016 sampling results.

Innovative Reuse

- A component of Maryland's Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) involves investigating the ability to repurpose dredged material into a useful economic product. A video which MPA has developed regarding innovative and beneficial reuse of dredged material was shared (<http://www.mpa.maryland.gov/greenport/publications.php>); an infographic is also available.

6.0 Citizen Comments

Community Representatives

Feedback from the Community Members

- MES is working with CENAP and MPA to investigate the tree planting options. The tree planting will occur once the water system construction components are complete to minimize disturbances to the new plantings.

- CENAP will no longer mow or control for woody vegetation along the lower portion of the exterior DMCF; however, tree growth will not be allowed on the constructed upper portion of the berm..
- A resident asked for the status of the Frequently Asked Questions document regarding the on-lot work. It was replied that the responses are still being compiled and finalized. The plan is to make the document available for distribution at the *What to Expect During on-lot Construction* meeting. The access agreements will be distributed within the next couple of weeks and be made available on the outreach website.

7.0 Future Meeting Discussions

Kristen Fidler, MPA

- The on-lot construction informational meeting will be held Saturday April 8th at 10 am in the Bohemia Manor High School auditorium.
- The next PCIC meeting will be held Friday, April 21st.

Adjourn - Noon

Kristen Fidler, Chair