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WATERSHED AD-HOC COMMITTEE
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Introductions

Marc asked each member to identify him/herself, providing information on what asset or interest they bring to the Committee, and then identifying a goal which they would hope to see achieved and/or accomplished (*see attached "Introduction of Members"- Pages 3 & 4 of Minutes*). Acting on the City's behalf, Marc, as facilitator or liaison to the Committee, noted that he would be able to coordinate and provide resources for legal, engineering, planning and operations services, when needed.

Marc noted that the Maryland Department of Natural Resources helps to manage the watershed and the existing Forest Stewardship Plan contains about 3 paragraphs relating to "Recreational uses." It was suggested and Marc agreed to provide a copy of the current Watershed Map (copy of one that was attached to the bulletin board at the meeting).

Homework for September meeting:

Marc referenced the "Objectives" attachment made to the meeting's agenda which identified his suggested goals for the Committee and recommended that sub-committees for each objective and/or topic be created. For homework and discussion at the next meeting, Marc tasked each member to:

1. Review the list of "Objectives" from the Agenda (*copy also attached with these minutes*), noting any changes, additions, etc. that you feel need to be made/addressed or which may have been covered by the Committee at the meeting, but missed on the list of "Objectives" from the Agenda packet.
2. Prioritize the list to identify the objective/s you feel are most important.
3. Decide on a task and/or sub-committee on which you would like to assist

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 11, 2014
1:30 p.m.
DPW Training Room

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INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS (with Assets and Goals)

Name	Asset	Goal
Marc Stachowski, Deputy Director/ DPW Operations	Coordinator/Facilitator for Committee; (has City Dept staff available for any Legal, Eng'g, Planning and/or Operations' needs)	
Dave Diehl	Watershed mountain biker; worked at Pentagon	Mission to protect the Watershed
Darius Mark	Frederick citizen; has helped to build trails with knowledge of trail standards; has traveled and seen many finished projects	Correct use of Watershed for the City
Clyde Hicks	Owner of the Trail House; has contacts through store; hiker, biker, rock climbing; performed trail work maintenance for 20-25 years; attended classes through PACT (Potomac Appalachian Trail Club); overseen the Blue Trail for over 25 years.	Re-write plan (Recreational) with trail system and identify how it will be sustainable in order to protect the Watershed
Mark Boggs	Owner of Boggs Environmental; environmental scientist and has worked with local governments on several projects for numerous years; neighbor to the Watershed for many years; has extensive knowledge training for runs; knowledge of water quality	Would like to see Watershed remain natural; see maps with layered attributes; would like to see keep- up/control of invasive species (i.e. gypsy moths, etc.)
Mark Lawrence	Property Manager who works with management plans; known as distance runner with Steeple Chase Club; good source for obtaining volunteers	To develop an overall Management Plan for the Watershed, balancing group use with environmental protection
Sheldon Barron	Maintains a group insurance agency; head of trail maintenance group; 40 years of Watershed experience (since the 70's); was a hunter so has good perspective in that area	To work towards a balanced concept for use of Watershed realizing that you can't satisfy all groups, but with goal in mind to keep the original footprint of the Watershed intact.
Pat Oliva	Trail Rider's Representative; Certified Trail Meister, familiar with layout of multi-use trails. Has taken DNR Trail Manager's Course; worked with WSSC on Rocky Gorge, Montgomery County	Provide a network of trails with emphasis on attracting more responsible people to use Watershed (helping to keep negative influences from occurring and protecting the Watershed from overuse)
Ted Trey	Lifetime resident; lives at base of Watershed; works for Montgomery Co. Parks Dept w/ reforestation experience; multi-user of watershed; experience in trail/volunteer mgmt; familiar with costs to maintain park area; can bring practical ideas to Committee	Provide education and enforcement of Plan which should include identification of fire trails
Sally Fulmer	City resident; owner of Common Market; mountain biker; organizer of trash cleanup projects (i.e. 14 miles from Mt. Dale to Hamburg); equestrian; could bring graphic	Interest in economic, environmental and social aspects of the Watershed project; goal to raise awareness of the Watershed assets

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	design and donation of volunteer time	
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Dave Kalt	Works for Montgomery County Fire/Rescue; trail builder, worked on turning ski resorts into downhill racing trails	Develop plan for fire/rescue; balance ecology, education and provide for a more advanced and safer trail system
John Switzer	Service Manager for Bike Doctor; participated in Trail Training; has PhD in Biology; professional biologist; has prepared stream surveys; fisherman in the Watershed	Maintaining balance of use
James Johnson	City resident; Manager of Bike Doctor; founding member of The Bike Coalition; is a biker/road cyclist; worked with City providing volunteers for clean-up days; his customers very interested in Watershed	Enforcing plan; Need to make sustainable with increasing City growth; use sale of maps as funds to help keep trails clean
Joe Whitehair	Member of Frederick Bike Coalition and MORE; helped with successful restoration of section of Catoctin Trail; can bring volunteers out; is a multi-trail user (hiker, cross country skier); knows Watershed as the "Green Jewel of Frederick"	Develop recreational component of the current Forest Conservation Plan to coordinate with the overall Watershed Plan
Anthony Iacovelli	Research Technician for Cancer Institute; Executive Committee member of the Sierra Club; environmental biology student at Hood; hiker and enjoys educational events; has access to volunteers	Provide for a Sustainable Shared-Use plan with emphasis on protection of the Watershed; development of a short-nature trail for group touring interests
Philip vanWerkhoven	Member of MORE and IMBA; Mountain biker and cyclist; has assisted in trail clean-up projects; has run classes on trail work and has numerous books on trail solutions; has assisted in writing Trail Management / Signage plans for Greenbriar and Gambrill Parks; involved with organized trail management	Would like to see a more advertised method of timber harvest; reforestation

Members of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in attendance

Name/Department	
Dan Feller DNR Wildlife & Heritage Service	Ecologist, performs research in the Watershed, involved in construction
Donnie Rohrbaugh DNR Wildlife & Heritage Services	Biologist w/DNR since 1980's; assisted with Forest Stewardship Plan
Larry Maxim DNR Forest Service	Works w/ harvest of mature trees; control of invasives (i.e. bamboo problems)
Mark Toms DNR Fisheries	Has been with DNR since 1991; works w/Brook Trail Management
Josh Henesy DNR Fisheries	
Andy Vecchio DNR Park Service	Assistant Parks Manager @ Cunningham Falls
Dan Hudson	Trout Planner; here to support staff and will help in any way possible

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“Overview list of Committee Assets”

- 1.Communications specialist
- 2.Trail builder
- 3.Has seen multi-use parks (finished products)
- 4.Trail maintenance experience (IMBA, MORE, downhill, sustainable, safe)
- 5.PATC Overseer
- 6.Volunteer Groups (Clyde, Sheldon, kids, Ted through Montgomery Co. Parks, Bike Dr. Sierra Club, Frederick Running Coalition, Common Market, MORE, Leader of trail maintenance)
- 7.Knows the Watershed trail and other users
- 8.Many contacts with outdoor enthusiasts
- 9.Multi-use (40 years + in Watershed)
- 10.Environmental scientist (water quality, stream surveys)
- 11.Management plans
- 12.USGS (United States Geological Survey) Conservationists, policy builder
- 13.Research ecology
- 14.Sierra Club
- 15.Trail builder instructor
- 16.Created multi-plans
- 17.Patrols
- 18.Hunter
- 19.Horses
- 20.Park Manager (costs on trail maintenance)
- 21.Graphic design
- 22.Fire/Rescue
- 23.Bike industry
- 24.Fisherman
- 25.Media mogul
- 26.MORE
- 27.USDA standard
- 28.IMBA knowledge
- 29.Multi-use Trail Meister

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“Overview list of Committee Group Purpose”

- 1.Protect Watershed
 - a. From all invasives
 - b. From overuse
- 2.Better use of Shed to mesh with growth
- 3.Re-writing of Rec Plan (*from Forest Stewardship Plan*)
- 4.Overall management balance
- 5.Trail system management
 - a. Fire trails
 - b. Road system
 - c. Trail system maintenance
- 6.Develop/Create user map
- 7.Education about Watershed/Wood Lots
 - a. Awareness
 - b. Signage
 - c. Watershed Day
- 8.Common sense approach
- 9.Get (*encourage*) responsible people to use network
- 10.Mark boundaries
- 11.Fire trail – network & rescue plan
- 12.Reforestation plan
- 13.Economic balance (to promote City)
- 14.Enforcement