

FINAL DRAFT PEARCE CREEK IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
April 20, 2018 10:00 AM
90B North Center Street
Cecilton, MD 21919

Attendees:

AECOM: Chris Rogers

Bay View Estates (BVE) Residents: Dave Heacock, Joy Heacock, Ralph Shrom, Debbie Graham

Cecil Whig: Jake Owens

Maryland Department of the Environment: Elder Ghigiarelli

Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Port Administration (MDOT MPA): Chris Correale,
Kristen Keene

Maryland Environmental Service (MES): Christine Holmburg

Representative Andy Harris's Office: Mary O'Keeffe

Sunset Pointe: Kathy McDonough

Town of Cecilton: Mary Cooper, Theresa Quinn

US Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District: Gavin Kaiser, Tim Boyle

West View Shores (WVS) Residents: Diane English, Eddie Lavin, Marion Bowman

1.0 Welcome & Introductions

Kristen Keene, Chair

Ms. Keene welcomed the attendees to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

2.0 Summary Approval

Committee Members

The Pearce Creek Implementation Committee (PCIC) members reviewed the draft February 2018 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

DMCF Inflow & Discharge

Mr. Kaiser stated that dredging and subsequent inflow of dredged material into the Perce Creek Dredged Material Containment Facility (DMCF) was completed at the beginning of March. The US Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District (CENAP) is currently waiting for the surface water discharge monitoring results from TetraTech; the results will then be submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) per the requirements of the Water Quality Certification (WQC).

CENAP is planning on conducting the next annual round of groundwater monitoring sampling soon. Current activities on site include the installation of bollards around the wells, re-grading the roads, and performing stormwater management at the site. Mr. Kaiser reminded the meeting attendees that a tour of the Pearce Creek DMCF will follow the meeting.

Ms. Bowman asked if there was an update on reopening the site to the public. Mr. Kaiser replied that the Pearce Creek DMCF itself will remain closed to the public due to safety concerns and potentially damaging the liner. The Stemmers Run boat ramp gate will be open for public access to Pearce Creek Lake for recreational activities as an alternative to the main gate into the DMCF. There is a challenge between allowing public access for recreational activities and preventing all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) from gaining access into the DMCF.

4.0 Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Updates

Elder Ghigiarelli, MDE

Water Quality Certification Extension

Mr. Ghigiarelli stated that CENAP requested a 2-year extension of the current WQC, which was originally issued in December 2014 to complete the authorized dredging project and quantities specified in the WQC. Taking into consideration the delays that have occurred on the project, MDE issued a one-year extension of the existing WQC, with a new expiration date of March 2019. In January 2019, MDE will reevaluate the quantity of dredged material that has been placed at the Pearce Creek DMCF in relation to the authorized quantity in the WQC to determine if the WQC can be extended for an additional year or if CENAP will need to reapply for a new WQC, which would include a new public notice period with the application.

5.0 Drinking Water Line Planning Progress

Chris Rogers, AECOM

Status of In-home Connections

Mr. Rogers stated, to date, there have been 195 homes fully connected to the water system. Nine interior connections are scheduled to occur over the next two weeks. Currently, 164 wells have been abandoned. Of the 232 properties in the Pearce Creek Service Area, there are seven outstanding homes; four homes have refused to connect, one needs to sign an Access Agreement, and two homes have had no contact with AECOM. The project team will continue making efforts to connect all homes in the Service Area to the public water supply.

Transmission Main & Distribution Main: Contract Closeout

Mr. Rogers stated that the Transmission Main and Distribution System contracts have been closed out. Any punch list items associated with the Distribution System project (i.e. road restoration) have been transferred to the on-lot contract and will be covered by Reybold.

Regarding Bay View Estates (BVE) roads, the on-lot contract includes 10,000 square yards of tar and chip (all BVE roads = 18,000 square yards), which will be applied to repair the areas that were damaged by the on-lot work and to restore any other patchwork. A fog coat will be applied to all the roads in BVE.

Transmission Main Leak

Mr. Rogers stated that the Transmission Main experienced a leak on 3/15, but there was no disruption of service. The leak was located in the Town of Cecilton at the connection point between an existing waterline and the new waterline.

Mr. Lavin stated that there is standing water on Pond Neck Road across from the chlorine injection station and asked if there is a possibility it could be due to a leak in the waterline at that location. Mr. Rogers replied that the water has been tested and there is no presence of chlorine, which supports the notion that there is no leak from the waterline; however, AECOM is still investigating the standing water issue.

CODE RED Notification System

Ms. Cooper stated that the Town of Cecilton uses a system called CODE RED to notify residents regarding any community issues. The notification can be sent via text, voicemail, or email to alert users of situations similar to the water system leak. Ms. Cooper encouraged residents to sign-up for the notification system and stated that the service is free and users can opt-out at any time. To sign up, a form can be obtained from Town Hall or individuals can visit the Town of Cecilton website (<https://www.ceciltonmd.gov/>)

where there is a link to enroll electronically. The completed forms can be submitted to Teresa Quinn, who is the new water and sewer billing clerk for the Town of Cecilton. Ms. English expressed her appreciation for the system as it was very informative and useful. Ms. Keene stated that a link to sign up for the CODE RED notification system will also be available on the Pearce Creek Outreach website.

6.0 MPA Updates

Kristen Keene, MPA

Exterior Monitoring Updates

Ms. Keene stated that in May 2018, Anchor QEA will collect the spring 2018 exterior monitoring samples in Pearce Creek Lake and the Elk River. The monitoring includes samples for water quality, sediment quality, and benthic community structure. This will be the first sampling event after dredged material inflow and surface water discharge from the Pearce Creek DMCF. A presentation of the spring 2018 results will be provided in the fall.

DMMP Outreach

Ms. Keene stated that Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Port Administration (MDOT MPA) is working to set up a project briefing and tour of the Pearce Creek DMCF for elected officials. Residents will be notified when the tour is scheduled.

There are two upcoming Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) meetings; the Executive Committee meeting on 5/3 and the DMMP Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on 5/9. Ms. Keene reviewed the structure of the DMMP, which is comprised of a series of advisory committees that provide support for dredged material management solutions in Maryland.

The Executive Committee includes the Secretary of MDE, the Secretary of MDOT, the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, Colonels from US Army Corps of Engineers, both Baltimore District (CENAB) and CENAP, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and liaisons from the Management Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee. The Executive Committee reports to the Governor of Maryland. All of the committees help support dredged material management solutions on a 20-year rolling plan to ensure the Port of Baltimore can remain open for business, that the channels are maintained to a proper depth, and that there is a place or solution for all of the dredged material. The DMMP CAC meeting will be held in the Baltimore area and include an update on the Pearce Creek project – this meeting is open to the public and Pearce Creek residents are welcome to attend.

7.0 Citizen Comments

Community Representatives

Feedback from the Community Members

Mr. Heacock thanked AECOM and MDOT MPA regarding their efforts to resolve the BVE road issues; the meetings with the BVE Board of Directors have been very beneficial.

Mr. Heacock stated that some residents have experienced an issue with their billing; there was an option to pay the entire hydrant fee and the online billing system does not seem to reflect the full payment correctly. Ms. Quinn stated that the current billing system recognizes the full payment as a credit rather than being added under the hydrant fee billing item. The Town of Cecilton is moving to a new billing system that should correct the issue. Residents should only pay the water fee if they have already paid the full hydrant fee amount.

Mr. Heacock stated that there were also concerns expressed by residents regarding excessive water usage bills and asked if there was a procedure for investigating the accuracy of the meter or search for a leak. Ms. Cooper stated that a procedure is in place, and residents should contact Town Hall to begin the process. Ms. Cooper noted that a running toilet or a leaky sink can add up quickly over the course of a month. There are usually free kits to test for a toilet leak at Town Hall, but they are currently unavailable. Ms. Cooper will notify residents when the kits are available. Mr. Rogers stated that if there is a suspected leak in the interior/exterior connection that was performed recently then the house is still under warranty and the repair will be the contractor's responsibility. Any plumbing issue not related to the waterline interior/exterior connection is still the responsibility of the resident. Ms. Cooper stated that the Town would notify the contractor if a leak was found.

Mr. Lavin asked how summer residents would be billed when they are not using the property in the winter. Ms. Cooper stated that all residents will be billed a quarterly base fee of \$68.91, because access to the water will always be available. The base rate includes up to 5,000 gallons of water whether it is used or not; if the 5,000 gallons is exceeded then the bill will increase.

Ms. McDonough stated that when the exterior installation occurred at her residence, the work cut very close to a river birch tree and it is showing signs of distress. Mr. Rogers stated that AECOM will follow up with the issue.

Ms. Keene reminded the PCIC that a Water Treatment Facility tour will be held Tuesday, 5/15; the first tour will be held at 9:00 AM and a second tour will be held at 6:00 PM. Ms. Cooper stated that an RSVP is not required. The facility is located behind the Dollar General store near the water tower.

Future Meeting Discussions

Kristen Keene, MPA

The next PCIC meeting will be held Friday, June 15, 2018 at 10 am.

2018 Meeting Schedule:

- August 17, 2018
- October 19, 2018
- December 14, 2018

Adjourn - Noon

Kristen Keene, Chair