

County Executive
of
Howard County, Maryland

Executive Order: 2016-02
Dated: April 11, 2016
Subject: Commercial Stormwater
Solutions Work Group

WHEREAS, working to clean up our local streams and rivers, and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay, remains a priority for the Administration; and

WHEREAS, Section 20.1103 of the Howard County Code provides for the County to levy and fix an annual Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee (the "Fee") on all improved property in the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has a requirement through its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit to treat 20% of its total impervious acreage not currently treated to the maximum extent practicable; and

WHEREAS, the County cannot meet its MS4 Permit by only treating impervious areas on government property, as a significant portion of the untreated impervious acreage is on private property; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet its MS4 Permit, the County requires the assistance of private property owners; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the existing system of credits, reimbursements, and assistance for the Fee is to encourage the implementation of best management practices to treat stormwater and improve the cleanliness and health of Howard County's streams and rivers and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Fee and its system of credits, reimbursements, and assistance has not been effective in promoting the installation of stormwater treatment facilities on commercial property; and

WHEREAS, the County should focus on developing strategies to encourage private property owners, particularly in the commercial sector, to participate in stormwater management; and

WHEREAS, the County would like to ensure that the business community and other stakeholders are included in the process of developing new and innovative strategies to incentivize commercial property participation in managing stormwater runoff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the Commercial Stormwater Solutions Work Group is established.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the charge of the Commercial Stormwater Solutions Work Group shall be to provide recommendations to the County Executive and the County Council on effective strategies to incentivize commercial property owners to better manage stormwater run-off and assist the County in complying with its MS4 Permit.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the following individuals shall serve on the Commercial Stormwater Solutions Work Group:

Cathy Ward, COPT
Carl Gutschick, Gutschick, Little and Weber, P.A.
Chip Doetsch, Apple Ford
Dan Nees, Maryland Environmental Finance Center
Cole Schnorf, Manekin
Abby Glassberg, KLNb, LLC.
Mark Charles, City of Rockville
Mark Southerland, Environmental Sustainability Board
Leonardo McClarty, Howard County Chamber of Commerce

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Mark Southerland shall serve as the Chair, and the following agencies shall serve as advisors to the Commercial Stormwater Solutions Work Group:

Office of Community Sustainability
Department of Public Works
Department of Planning and Zoning
Howard County Economic Development Authority
Department of Finance

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that, at his request, Councilmember Jon Weinstein shall designate his Special Assistant to serve as an advisor to the Commercial Stormwater Solutions Work Group.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commercial Stormwater Solutions Work Group shall present recommendations to the County Executive and the County Council on or before September 30, 2016.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commercial Stormwater Solutions Work Group shall cease to exist on September 30, 2016 and the terms of the Task Force members shall expire on September 30, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Allan Kittleman, as County Executive of Howard County, Maryland have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Howard County to be affixed this 11 th day of April, 2016.



Allan H. Kittleman
County Executive

