

**DRAFT PEARCE CREEK IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**May 17, 2019 10:00 AM**  
**90B North Center Street**  
**Cecilton, MD 21919**

***Attendees:***

*AECOM:* Chris Rogers

*Anchor QEA:* Karin Olsen

*Bay View Estates (BVE) Residents:* Dave Heacock

*Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE):* Denise Keehner

*Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Port Administration (MDOT MPA):* Kristen Fidler, Kristen Keene, Dave Blazer

*Maryland Environmental Service (MES):* Christine Offerman

*US Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District:* Jeff May

*West View Shores (WVS) Residents:* Valerie Woodruff

**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 February 2019 meeting summary. The summary was approved as written and will be made available as final on the Pearce Creek outreach website ([www.pearcecreekoutreach.com](http://www.pearcecreekoutreach.com)).

**3.0 Philadelphia District Corps (CENAP) Update**

**Jeff May, CENAP**

***Pearce Creek Lake Access***

Mr. May stated that coordination between the US Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District (CENAP) and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is ongoing to finalize details regarding providing public access to the Pearce Creek Lake for recreational use. The Pearce Creek Dredged Material Containment Facility (DMCF) would be off-limits for public access. CENAP will be relying on DNR to help control public access through signage and controlled dispersal of the combination to the gate lock along Stemmers Run Boat Ramp Road.

Ms. Woodruff asked if DNR will be patrolling the area. Mr. May stated that patrolling is one of the issues still being discussed. CENAP would like an increase in patrols when public access is granted to the lake. Mr. Heacock stated that in the past, DNR only patrolled twice a year. Ms. Woodruff expressed a concern regarding the frequency of patrols due to the remoteness of the site. Mr. Blazer stated that DNR has recently added more police staff, which should help alleviate some of the resource limitations. Ms. Woodruff voiced concern regarding the distribution of the combination for the gate lock to the lake but stated that the locked gate should be a deterrent for unauthorized access.

Ms. Keene asked if notifying the Cecil Whig when the Pearce Creek Lake is open for public access was still requested. Ms. Woodruff replied yes and stated that it would be a good method to spread the word about lake access and any restrictions. Ms. Woodruff asked if there would be any restrictions for hunting. Mr. May stated that only waterfowl hunting will be permitted on the lake and there will also be access restrictions during the time of dredged material inflow and surface water discharge activities.

### ***Water Quality Certification***

Mr. May stated that CENAP received the Water Quality Certification (WQC) approval from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). The permit allows for dredging activities and the associated discharge through March 2020.

### ***Groundwater Monitoring***

Mr. May stated that there are 36 monitoring wells within the vicinity of the Pearce Creek DMCF that are monitored twice a year. The 2018 groundwater monitoring report was submitted to MDE in March 2019; the results are consistent with previous years.

Ms. Woodruff asked if CENAP would be spraying for mosquitos this year. Mr. May stated that mosquito control occurred last year using pellets applied to standing water in the DMCF; the same control method will be used this year. Mr. Heacock asked if the drainage ditch around the perimeter of the DMCF property would be treated for mosquitos. Mr. May stated that CENAP will monitor the drainage ditch to ensure it does not get clogged or contain standing water, but any standing water will be treated.

## **4.0 Drinking Water Line Planning Progress**

**Chris Rogers, AECOM**

### ***Road Restoration***

Mr. Rogers stated that AECOM is working to correct the seepage issue on Basin Road. AECOM subcontractor, Reybold, will be submitting their cost proposal to complete the work, and if approved, work could begin as soon as the week of 5/20 in West View Shores (WVS). Mr. Rogers explained that an existing underground spring in WVS changed natural course due to the waterline installation and caused water to consistently flow over top of a portion of the road, which became an ice hazard during the past winter. To fix the seepage issue, an underdrain will be installed below the road and the water will be directed to an inlet structure and piped towards the existing golf cart crossing culvert. Mr. Rogers stated that the underdrain would become the responsibility and property of the WVS Homeowners Association once it has been completed. Ms. Woodruff stated that WVS would like the project completed as soon as possible. Ms. Keehner will coordinate internally at MDE to ensure a permit is not required for directing the flow of the spring water.

### ***Expansion Tank***

Mr. Rogers stated that 120 expansion tank adjustments have been completed. The remaining residences will be contacted through another round of “cold calls” and scheduling in June to complete the adjustments.

Mr. Heacock asked about the status of the other properties that have not connected to the water system. Mr. Rogers replied that there are three owners who have explicitly refused to connect to the water system. Of the remaining two properties that have not been connected in Bay View Estates, one is in the process of being sold and AECOM is attempting to get in contact with the realtor, and the owner of the second property had passed away with no heirs and AECOM has attempted to get in to contact with the appropriate individuals to gain access to complete the work. Ms. Keene added that there is one additional property where project team members are still coordinating with the homeowner to facilitate access into the house. The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Port Administration (MDOT MPA) is working to include all properties that have expressed interest in connecting to the water system. The Grant

Agreement has been extended to June 2020 to accommodate the remaining properties; this is the final term extension for the Grant Agreement.

## **5.0 MDOT MPA Updates**

**Kristen Keene, MDOT MPA**

### ***Fall 2018 Exterior Monitoring Update***

Ms. Olsen reviewed the highlights of the fall 2018 exterior monitoring event results. The exterior monitoring has occurred twice a year since fall 2015 and samples are conducted for surface water quality, sediment quality, and benthic (bottom-dwelling) community structure in the Pearce Creek Lake and Elk River. Pre-placement monitoring occurred to establish baseline conditions. The fall 2018 event was the second round of post-placement monitoring and the results have remained consistent in the Pearce Creek Lake, Elk River, and reference sites. All fall 2018 results were within the range of results observed during the baseline monitoring. While some metals did exceed the surface water quality standards, they have exceeded in prior monitoring events and are considered similar to background concentrations, which also remained consistent throughout the years. The spring 2019 exterior monitoring event is scheduled for late May. Ms. Keene stated that the fall 2018 exterior monitoring presentation will be placed on the Pearce Creek Outreach website ([www.pearcecreekoutreach.com](http://www.pearcecreekoutreach.com)). Ms. Woodruff asked how many people visit the website. Ms. Offerman will investigate the website visitor statistics.

## **6.0 Citizen Comments**

**Community Representatives**

### ***Feedback from the Community Members***

Ms. Woodruff stated that there had been issues of high water bills, but they have since been resolved. Ms. Keene reminded the PCIC that information regarding free dye packets to check for leaking toilets can be found on the Pearce Creek Outreach website.

Mr. Heacock asked about the remaining capacity within the Pearce Creek DMCF. Mr. May stated that at the time of reactivation, Pearce Creek had five million cubic yards (cy) of capacity; currently there is 3.5 million cy of capacity remaining.

## **Future Meeting Discussions**

**Kristen Keene, MDOT MPA**

Ms. Keene stated that the next PCIC meeting will be held Friday, August 16, 2019 at 10 am. A tour may be scheduled soon; all those interested in a tour of the DMCF should contact Ms. Keene.

### **2019 Meeting Schedule:**

- August 16, 2019
- November 15, 2019

## **Adjourn - Noon**

**Kristen Keene, Chair**