

**Town of University Park  
Stream Committee  
Meeting Report**

**Town Hall  
6724 Baltimore Avenue  
January 7, 2015  
7:30 PM**

**Members in Attendance: Dana Shea, Will Hockberger, Tom Stickles, Bruce Beveridge, Carson Lee, and Jim Gekas (Council Liaison)**

**Other Town Officials in Attendance: Len Carey, Mayor; Linda Verrill, Council Member, Ward 4.**

**Agenda:**

**1. Mayor's perspective**

Mayor Carey was present initially and gave his perspective on the committee's functions.

**2. Committee member introductions**

The committee members introduced themselves and described their interest in the town stream.

**3. Administrative requirements and process**

The committee members discussed compliance with the Maryland Open Meeting Act requirements, facilitation of communication by e-mail, and processes for review of meeting minutes. The committee members agreed to work on projects and issues on a consensus basis.

**4. Liaison position**

The committee members discussed the liaison position established with the Development Overview Committee and attempted to identify potential candidates, but this remained undetermined.

**5. Potential committee activities on water quantity and quality**

The committee members discussed issues relating to water quantity and quality in Wells Run. With regard to quantity, the committee identified the need to further document the capacity of Wells Run, the amounts of storm water contribution from various portions of the Wells Run catchment, identities of storm drain pipes feeding into Wells Run and their contributions to total storm water flow, and the current state of bank erosion and channel blockage of the two branches of the stream. In addition, the committee identified the need to further understand the status and maintenance of proposed and implemented storm water management installations upstream from University Park.

With respect to water quality, the committee discussed the results from the Anacostia Watershed Society "Snapshot" test day in Wells Run, which identified potential contamination between Tennyson and Queens Chapel. The committee also discussed the planned Anacostia Watershed Society demonstration projects on Tennyson and Queens Chapel. Committee members raised concerns about the costs and requirements to maintain the permeable paving

and the proposed rain garden. The committee agreed to a consensus position supporting the projects so long as the Town understood the costs and risks inherent in being a demonstration location for storm water management techniques that are relatively unproven in long-term use. Mr. Hockberger expressed concern about the ability of Flexi-Pave permeable pavement to bear the weight of heavy vehicles, such as trash trucks, moving vans, and fire trucks. Mr. Shea said Mr. Beall, the Town Director of Public Works, had information that this would not be a problem. Mr. Hockberger agreed to ask Mr. Beall for clarification.

The committee discussed outreach activities for the upcoming year. The committee agreed to engage with the University Park Civic Association and attempt to partner with them for their annual stream clean-up event. Other outreach events were discussed, such as rain barrel workshops and labeling of storm drains, and tabled until further information could be gathered. Committee members agreed to begin the process of identifying subject matter experts and volunteers who might assist the committee in implementing its goals.

The committee also discussed the need to identify potential non-Town funding sources for stream restoration activities, depending on planned scope and scale. Related to this was the idea of identifying individuals and organizations, such as educational programs in need of appropriate projects for students, that might perform certain studies and tasks that would accomplish desired objectives.