



January 12, 2015

The Honorable Jan Gardner
County Executive of
Frederick County
12 East Church Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701

The Honorable Douglas Howard, President
Board of County Commissioners
of Carroll County
225 North Center Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157

RE: Monocacy Scenic River Citizens' Advisory Board Annual Report for 2014

Dear Executive Gardner and Commissioner Howard:

To fulfill official duty No. 6 as stipulated in Frederick County Resolution No. 92-11, the Monocacy Scenic River Citizens Advisory Board (River Board) hereby transmits its annual report to Frederick County and to the Carroll County Commissioners. The report highlights the major activities and accomplishments of the River Board.

The River Board was created in 1978 and is comprised of ten members, five appointed by the Carroll County Commissioners and five appointed by the Frederick County Commissioners. The Board provides advice and recommendations to appropriate jurisdictions on land use, land development proposals, and resource management issues that impact the Monocacy Scenic River corridor and its watershed, serving as an advocate for the River and its varied resources.

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Brief History of Monocacy Protection:

Following the adoption of the Maryland Scenic and Wild Rivers Act of 1968, the first inventory, *Scenic Rivers in Maryland*, was released by the Maryland Department of State Planning in 1970. The Monocacy River was identified as a significant state resource, worthy of immediate study, and a prime candidate for State Scenic River designation. On April 30, 1974, the Monocacy River was added to Maryland's scenic river system. In 1982 the National Park Service determined that the Monocacy's significance further places it among the five percent of the nation's rivers eligible for designation as a National Scenic River.

In 1990, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the River Board produced a River Management Plan, which addresses natural and cultural resources, water quality, ecology, and land uses with numerous issues, objectives and recommendations. The Management Plan was approved by Carroll and Frederick Counties, as well as the Maryland General Assembly, and guides the actions of the River Board.

Frederick County Resolution No. 92-11, adopted April 20, 1992, formally established the Monocacy Scenic River Citizens Advisory Board as a body tasked with providing "counsel and advice on the stewardship of the Monocacy River Watershed."

2014 Overview/Highlights:

The River Board convened nine regular meetings and discussed a broad variety of issues and topics as well as received several special presentations and briefings.

Hosted five guest speakers:

Maria Myers, Carroll County Solid Waste Division, discussed tire recycling in Carroll County, and solid waste disposal in general throughout Maryland, soon after the River Board's tire clean up on the River.

Philip Hager and Lynda Eisenberg, Carroll County Planning Director and Bureau Chief of Comprehensive Planning, reviewed the County's Master Plan update and proposed changes to the County's land use plan.

Don West, Chair of Carroll County's Solid Waste Advisory Committee and member of Waste Not Carroll, discussed concepts for a plasma gasification plant for solid waste disposal contemplated near Taneytown and the County's proposal for a new Industrial land use designation near Taneytown to facilitate the establishment of such uses.

Neil Ridgely, Carroll County activist, shared his history in governmental service in Carroll County and also critiqued the Master Plan that is currently under review in Carroll County.

Special Initiatives/Projects:

Tire Clean Up

On a mild August day, the River Board conducted its 2nd annual tire clean up event to rid the Monocacy Scenic River of tires and other debris. Approximately 100 tires and other debris were gathered and hauled from the River's channel and banks along a 0.95-mile stretch near Links Bridge Road in Woodsboro. River Board members and hearty volunteers worked tirelessly to improve the health and aesthetics of our Scenic River. Special thanks to Bob Thompson and Joan Cartier and the County's Division of Utilities and Solid Waste Management for their assistance in this endeavor.



River Clean Up Event

The River Board hosted its fifth annual river clean up day (April 5, 2014) at Rivermist Park in the City of Frederick as part of the 26th Annual Potomac River Watershed Clean Up sponsored by the Alice Ferguson Foundation. Forty volunteers cleared debris along more than 1-mile of River bank and associated floodplain on a sunny spring day, collecting over 75 bags of trash and other debris. Partnerships were again made with Wal-Mart, Giant Food, and Waste Management Waste to secure food and drinks for the volunteers in addition to hauling services.



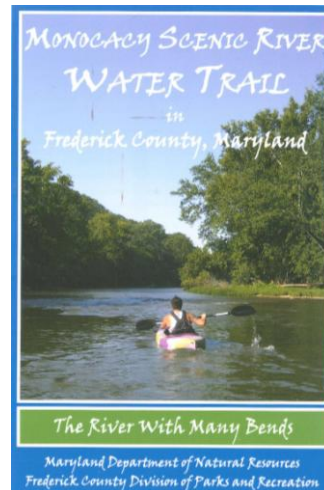
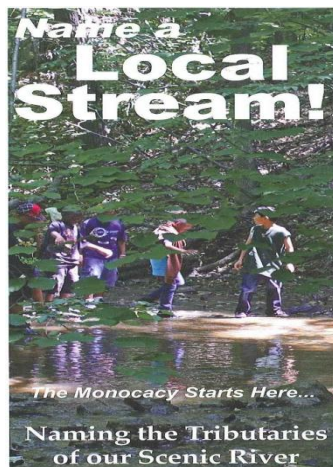
The River Board continued its review of various plans, projects and initiatives that impact the Monocacy River and its watershed. We discussed, addressed, commented on, or provided public testimony on the following issues:

- Frederick County's Agricultural Density Transfer Ordinance.
- Buckeystown Park expansion project with particular attention to significant enhancement of the vegetative buffer along the River and the use of permeable pavement within the park.
- The City of Frederick's proposal to relocate the historic Jug Bridge Monument to a site disconnected from its historic proximity to the River.



Also in 2014, the River Board:

- Partnered with Carroll County to clean-up 5,000 feet of Dickenson Run (a Double Pipe Creek tributary) and stencil nearby storm drains with 'Do Not Dump – Drains to River'
- Continued work on the update of the 1990 River Management Plan, collaborating with various local, state and federal partners in revising data and various studies that will facilitate the creation of a new Plan for the future management of the River and its resources.
- Participated in the filming of a River promotion video with Frederick County's Park and Recreation to coincide with the release of the MD-DNR Monocacy River Water Trail Map.
- Continued its formal public engagement project to solicit names for six un-named tributaries that drain into the Monocacy River in Carroll and Frederick Counties. The River Board submitted the winning names to the US Geologic Survey in 2014 for final decision and ultimate acceptance into the official Geographic Names Inventory.
- Participated in the formal release – and development-- of the Monocacy Water Trail Map with Frederick County Parks and Recreation, the National Park Service, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

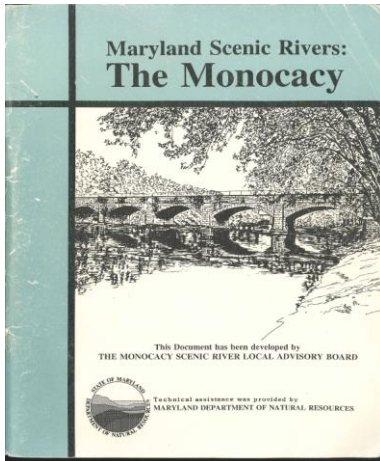


- Hosted an 11-mile paddle to enjoy the River from MD 77 to Devilbiss Bridge Road on a sunny day in May.



Update of 1990 River Management Plan

In 2015, the River Board will focus on the update of the *1990 Monocacy Scenic River Study and Management Plan*, which serves as a “guide and reference for local and state governments to use in order to conserve and protect the River.” We will coordinate with various partners, seek collaborations, grants and other resources to revise the 25-year old *Plan*.



For 2015, the River Board looks forward to continuing our action and service as advocates for the Monocacy Scenic River and its precious resources on behalf of the residents of Frederick and Carroll Counties. We will pursue our mission via continued input and dialogue with various board and bodies at municipal, county, state and federal levels as charged by Frederick and Carroll Counties, providing comments and recommendations to help ensure protection of the Monocacy.

This report was approved by unanimous vote at the January 7, 2015, River Board meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. Dertbaugh". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Jim Dertbaugh, Vice-Chair
Monocacy Scenic River Citizens Advisory Board

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