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Monocacy Scenic River Citizens' Advisory Board Monocacy River Management Plan Update

FREDERICK, MD – The Monocacy Scenic River Citizens' Advisory Board continues to accept public comment on the draft *Monocacy River Management Plan* through the end of January 2017.

The River Board announced the release of the draft Plan on October 12, 2016. Dr. George Grillon, Chair of the River Board, noted, "The Monocacy River Management Plan is designed as a guide to preserve the splendor of this great natural resource as the region develops."

The draft Plan represents the first major revision and update of the *1990 Monocacy River Study and Management Plan*, jointly created by the River Board and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

The River Board published a notice in the *Fredrick News Post* on October 12, 2016, announcing two public meetings to discuss the content of the draft Plan. The first meeting was held in Taneytown on November 7th, and the second meeting was held in Frederick on November 9th. The draft Plan was also presented to the Frederick County Farm Bureau on October 18, 2016, for review and comment.

While the River Board's original public comment period on the draft Plan was to close on November 9th, the River Board continues to accept public comment on the draft Plan.

Copies of the draft Plan remain available for inspection at the Taneytown, Emmittsburg, Thurmont, Walkersville and Frederick public libraries and on the county's website: (www.frederickcountymd.gov/194/Monocacy-Scenic-River-Citizens-Board).

Over 300 property owners, directly and indirectly affected by proposals contained in the draft Plan, were sent letters containing announcements regarding the release of the draft Plan, the website where the draft Plan could be viewed, and the dates/times/locations of the planned public meetings.

The River Board will consider all comments received and may revise the draft Plan's proposals prior to forwarding the final document to Frederick and Carroll Counties for consideration in the spring of 2017.

Questions should be directed to Mr. Tim Goodfellow at tgoodfellow@frederickcountymd.gov.

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