

**Attachment 8: Public Participation
Documentation**

Macon A Difference Day – projects

Project Name: Stormwater Basin Cleanup*

Location: Intersection of Macon Circle and Randolph Circle

Time: 10am – 12pm (can we start this project at 10?)

Description: Weed and mulch the rain garden basin at College Park. Will also weed
And mulch the rain garden feature on Hanover Avenue near James
Street

Number of Volunteers: 6

*this project will be supervised by our Town Engineer, Ingrid Stenbjorn

Project Name: Dog Waste Station Bags

Location: All waste stations around town (will be given a map of locations)

Time: 9am – 12pm

Description: Replenish all waste station boxes with clean bags (provided)

Number of Volunteers: 2

Project Name: Mechumps Creek Cleanup

Location: Area behind APD to I-95

Time: 9am – 12pm

Description: Looking for 20 people to pick up trash and debris in and along the creek.

Number of Volunteers: 20

Project Name: Clean Up Ashland

Location: Different locations around Ashland (will be given a set location)

Time: 9am – 12pm

Description: Assisting in cleaning up Ashland.

Number of Volunteers: 20

Not a project, but an idea - PSA video about picking up after your pet – we haven't gotten enough information to give them yet; is there anybody on campus who might be interested in helping with this?

- Make it a contest – questions for us to answer:
 - How will this be promoted?
 - Who at R-MC will promote this to students?
 - Can only students enter, or will this be open to anyone?
 - How will people enter? (Need to develop entry form?)
 - When is video due, and in what format do we want it?
 - Is there a minimum/maximum time limit for video?
 - Who will judge the videos?
 - What will the prize be?
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Supplies needed:

- Maps
 - Gloves (50 pr)
 - Trash bags (50)
 - Dog waste bags
 - Key to dog waste dispensers
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Questions to answer:

- Will we park a truck behind the engineering building for students to dump trash, or will we leave trash bags on site to be collected by street crew?
 - Do picnic tables at Town Hall need to be painted?
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MEMORANDUM

From: Bud Watson, Instructor EVST-PSCI 319

To: Mercer Cronemeyer, Henrico County
Mike Foreman, Department of Conservation and Recreation
Ann Jurczyk, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Jacob Powell, Virginia Conservation Network
Amy Robins, Alliance for the Chesapeake
Charlie Spatz, Chesapeake Climate Action Network
Ingrid Stenbjorn, Town of Ashland

Date: April 13, 2015

RE: Invitation to Be On Expert Panel

All:

I'd like to invite all of you to be on the expert panel of professionals on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, when my EVST-PSCI 319 class at Randolph-Macon College will present their team research reports on climate change and the Chesapeake Bay, the subject of this semester's environmental policy class. They've reviewed the history of environmental deterioration in the Bay watershed and the historical development of protective environmental policy to reverse that decline up to the present, culminating with the Bay TMDL and the climate change issue. I think they would benefit greatly from all of your expertise in these areas.

Afterwards, as usual, I plan to take everyone to the Ironhorse Restaurant/Bar for food and refreshments. The Class meets at 6:00 PM on that Tuesday in Room 104 of Copley Science Center, at the corner of Calhoun and Caroline Streets on the Randolph-Macon campus. (Directions: Come into Ashland on Route 54, England Street; cross U.S. Route 1; Calhoun Street is the second right after the stoplight; Caroline Street is two blocks down Calhoun Street; there should be parking space in the faculty lot, which is in front of Copley Hall, and will be a left turn as soon as you cross Caroline Street. Otherwise, at that time of the day there should be parking available on Caroline Street in front of Copley Hall if the parking lot is full. Room 104 is down the long hall from the main foyer in the building where the big class rooms are located. My cell phone is 314-2225.)

I hope you'll be able to come that evening – please let me know. The class presentation and discussion should last about an hour and a half. The Ironhorse is only a minute or two from campus on the Railroad in Ashland. I look forward to catching up on what we've all been up to since I last saw each of you.

Talking Points for Meeting with R-MC
November 6, 2014

1. Town wants clean water. Our resources to investigate are limited. We could use the help of R-MC.
2. When R-MC does sampling in the Town, we would like R-MC to do it on the Town's behalf; i.e., the Town as a client. We would like R-MC to be our partner, not the partner of our regulators. This hurts the "good will" between the Town and R-MC.
3. When R-MC works sampling on behalf of DEQ (or an organization that will report to DEQ) the following happens:
 - a. The Town becomes regulated.
 - b. The regulatory requirements become requirements of the Town's MS4 permit.
 - c. The MS4 permit has a schedule for implementing control measures that is slower than if the Town voluntarily implemented controls measures.
 - d. Requirements that impede progress to actually cleaning up the source include the need to write an implementation plan on how the cleanup will be done, the plan is then submitted it to DEQ according to a submittal schedule, we have to wait to receive approval from DEQ, then we can implement the controls according the approve schedule in the plan.
 - e. The Town is subject to scrutiny, oversight from DEQ, reporting requirement, bad press/publicity, fines, sanctions, etc., when all the while, if we had know there was a problem, the Town would have taken measures to address the problems
4. Additional regulatory requirements involve additional staff time. Our staff is already over burdened with work as it is. We are currently trying to address all the VSMP, MS4 and Chesapeake Bay TMDL requirements that have recently been implemented, as well as Mechumps Creek TMDL requirements.
5. The Mechumps Creek presentation that was done in front of Council implied that the Town had been remiss in addressing environmental issues, which is not the truth. It also not the true if there are issues in Stony Run. If we collaborate, on such projects, R-MC and the Town can both look good.



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June 8, 2015

Today I spoke with the Principals of Henry Clay and John Gandy Elementary schools (Terri Keck and Leigh Finch) about speaking to the students about stormwater pollution. The plan is to touch base after the beginning of the 2015/2016 school year begins to set up dates.

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