

# ADDENDUM - APPENDIX C

## **Public and Stakeholder Meetings**

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DATE	MEETINGS	NUMBER of ATTENDEES
3/8/12	Chester County Association of Township Officials Meeting	Approximately 300
3/19/12	Goose Creek TMDL Meeting with municipalities affected by the TMDL	22
3/22/12	Chester County Engineers Association Meeting	Approximately 20
5/22/12	West Nottingham Township Supervisors hosted a regional meeting for elected officials and the public	34
8/7/12	Chester County Conservation District Meeting with staff and a Board representative to discuss the County-wide Act 167 Plan and the adoption process.	6
8/8/12	Goose Creek TMDL Meeting to discuss the potential use of the Christina Basin TMDL Implementation Plan (C-TIP) template in the Goose Creek watershed.	16
9/12/12	Chester County Planning Commission Board Meeting to discuss the County-wide Act 167 Plan and the adoption process.	18
9/19/12	Chester County Water Resources Authority Board Meeting to discuss the County-wide Act 167 Plan and the adoption process.	12
10/12/12	Outreach: Chester County municipalities and school districts; surrounding municipalities, county planning commissions, and school districts; and Watershed Plan Advisory Committee members were emailed and/or mailed a letter announcing the 45 day review period. Hard copies of the County-wide Act 167 Plan were placed in all county libraries and select county agencies.	73 CC municipalities, 15 CC school districts, 4 surrounding planning commissions, 16 surrounding school districts, 21 surrounding municipalities, and 1 regional planning agency.

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10/16/12	Schuylkill Action Network - Stormwater Group presentation to provide an overview of the PA Act 167 Plan and the adoption process.	14
10/25/12	Western Region Committee Chester County 2020 presentation to discuss the content of the Plan and model ordinance, and the adoption process.	11
11/8/12	Chester County Association of Township Officials Fall Meeting presentation to provide an overview of the PA Act 167 Plan and the adoption process.	150
11/14/12	Public meeting held in conjunction with the Chester County Planning Commission Board Meeting to discuss the County-wide Act 167 Plan and listen to and discuss comments from the planning commission and the members of the public who attended.	6 members of the Planning Commission, 12 County staff, and 4 members of the public.
12/7/12	Christina Basin Task Force meeting to provide an overview of the PA Act 167 Plan and its contents, and the adoption process.	26
12/4/12	Meeting with Lower Oxford and East Nottingham Townships to provide an overview of revisions added to assist the agricultural community and answered questions.	8
12/6/12	Meeting with the Chester County Consortium of Township Managers to provide an overview of revisions and answer questions.	14
12/12/12	Chester County Planning Commission Board of Directors Meeting to provide summary of comments received from public review; Board voted to recommend the County-wide Act 167 Plan to the Board of Commissioners for adoption.	7 members of the Planning Commission, 15 County staff, and 2 members of the public.

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12/19/12	Chester County Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting to provide summary of comments received from public review; Board voted to recommend the County-wide Act 167 Plan to the Board of Commissioners for adoption.	7 Board of Directors members, 6 affiliates and 3 County staff.
12/19/12	Chester County Water Resources Authority Board of Directors Meeting to provide summary of comments received from public review; Board voted to recommend the County-wide Act 167 Plan to the Board of Commissioners for adoption.	9 Board of Directors members, 2 affiliates and 5 County staff.
3/27/13	Chester County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing so that the public could attend and provide verbal comments prior to consideration of adoption of the County-wide Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan.	3 County Commissioners, 4 Commissioner staff, 5 CCWRA staff and 17 attendees.
3/27/13	Chester County Board of Commissioners held a public meeting to adopt Resolution No. 8-13. A resolution to adopt the " <i>County-wide Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan for Chester County, Pennsylvania</i> " and to amend " <i>Landscapes2</i> " and " <i>Watersheds</i> " as stated therein, was approved.	3 County Commissioners, 4 Commissioner staff, 5 CCWRA staff and 17 attendees.

In addition, numerous phone calls, e-mails and face-to-face meetings took place with individual municipalities and others in order to answer individual questions and address any concerns shared by municipalities.

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## **Chester County County-wide Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan**

**March 27, 2013 Public Hearing**

### **HEARING SUMMARY**

A Public Hearing for comments regarding proposed adoption of the "County-wide Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan for Chester County, Pennsylvania" was held by the Chester County Board of Commissioners on March 27, 2013 in the Board of Commissioners' Board Room (313 W. Market St.) in West Chester, PA at 7 PM. In attendance were Commissioners Ryan Costello, Kathi Cozzone, and Terence Farrell, and staff from Chester County Water Resources Authority (CCWRA), Chester County Planning Commission (CCPC), Chester County Conservation District (CCCD), and Office of the Commissioners. Including Commissioners, their staff and staff from County agencies, a total of 29 people attended, with seven providing verbal comments.

A Public Hearing Agenda was handed out. Hard copies of the plan were available upon request.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Costello called the Hearing to order at 7:03 PM and stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comments on the proposed adoption of the "County-wide Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan for Chester County, Pennsylvania" ("Plan") and amendments to "*Landscapes2*" and "*Watersheds*" plans to incorporate all components of the "Plan".

#### **COMMISSIONERS INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Commissioner Farrell stated that the "Plan" is a state mandate and noted that the "Plan" directly supports three of the Commissioners' Strategic Goals. He stated that the "Plan" has been under development since 2011 and more than 4,000 comments were received and 25 meetings were held to inform the public and receive input.

Commissioner Cozzone stressed that it is important to keep in mind that 84% of Chester County lies within watersheds that are sources of water for public drinking water supply.

#### **OVERVIEW OF COUNTY-WIDE ACT 167 PLAN**

Jan Bowers, Executive Director of CCWRA provided a brief presentation to provide background on the PA Act 167 program and an overview of the "Plan". The "Plan" consists of "*Watersheds, An Integrated Water Resources Plan for Chester County, PA and Its Watersheds*" and the "*County-wide Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan Addendum to Watersheds, An Integrated Water Resources Plan for Chester County, PA and Its Watersheds*". A committee of volunteer

engineers and planners was formed to assist with technical standards. Great effort was taken to provide flexibility in the Model Ordinance, where possible.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Seven attendees presented comments on the “Plan” and the adoption and implementation of the “Plan”. The Commissioners also asked questions and exchanged dialogue with a few of the commentors. The comments provided by the public are summarized below:

1. Bernard Sweeney, Stroud Water Research Center – Spoke in support of the “Plan” and highly recommended that the Commissioners adopt the “Plan” as a recent report from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency found that little progress has been made in improving water quality in the past two decades, indicating that not enough is being done to prevent water quality degradation. Adoption and implementation of the “Plan” would further the protection and restoration of water quality in Chester County’s streams.
2. Wesley Horner, Brandywine Conservancy – Spoke in support of the “Plan” and urged the Commissioners to adopt the “Plan” stating there is a great need for more uniform standards across the County and the “Plan” would improve water quality and reduce future flooding.
3. Robert Struble, Brandywine Valley Association and Red Clay Valley Association – Spoke in support of the “Plan” and its adoption, and pointed out that the “Plan” serves as a long-term investment that is much needed since there are stream impairments in the Brandywine Creek watershed and widespread stream impairments in the Red Clay Creek watershed.
4. Barbara D’Angelo, Supervisor for Wallace Township – Spoke in support of the “Plan” and its adoption, and stated that the Act 167 Model Ordinance standards support Wallace Township’s long-standing commitment to stormwater management to reduce flooding and pollution and help protect downstream Brandywine Creek communities from flooding, such as Downingtown.
5. Rick Craig, West Goshen Township Engineer – Spoke in support of the “Plan” and its adoption, and stated that he participated in the County-wide Act 167 Plan Ordinance/Standards Committee that helped address the thousands of comments received and felt that the final standards represent a good compromise between burdensome regulations and the need to protect watersheds, while also providing flexibility to municipalities. He stated that since 2003 their township has been implementing and enforcing standards that are consistent with the Chester Creek Act 167 Plan and though it is unpleasant at times, it has been effective.
6. Mark Gordon, East Goshen Township Zoning Officer – Spoke in support of the “Plan” and its adoption, and shared that their township has been implementing and enforcing the 2003 Chester Creek Act 167 Plan and admitted that the first couple years were difficult and the new standards had to be explained to every applicant. He added that it became much easier over the years and it has not stopped development or new additions in the township. He stated that he felt the benefits outweighed the costs and the initial challenges they faced enforcing their stormwater ordinance.
7. Ann Hutchinson, Natural Lands Trust (on behalf of Molly Morrison, President) – Spoke in support of the “Plan” and stated that given that 42% of the County drains to streams designated as impaired, it is critical to the health and well-being of County residents that the Commissioners adopt the “Plan”. The long-term benefits of addressing stormwater outweighs the initial cost as there will be a decrease in dredging, less frequent stream repairs, reduced drinking water treatment cost, and reduced flooding.

## **COMMISSIONERS CLOSING COMMENTS**

Commissioner Cozzone stated that it was helpful to hear from the townships that have already adopted and enforced an Act 167 Plan and concluded that the “Plan” was a good compromise of the required state regulations and how Chester County works with its municipalities, land trusts and its land developers.

Commissioner Farrell acknowledged two important insights: 1) that there is some additional costs to residents and businesses that are interested in land development, but there is a tremendous benefit; and 2) there is a need for consistent stormwater management ordinances across Chester County, and concluded that it is important to adopt the “Plan” quickly so that it can be forwarded to the state and then the municipalities.

Jan Bowers, Executive Director of CCWRA stated for the record that the Boards of Directors of the CCCD, CCPC, and CCWRA all formally took action by vote to recommend to the Chester County Board of Commissioners that they adopt the “Plan”. Ms. Bowers noted that Ms. Judy DiFilippo, the Chair of CCPC, was unable to attend but had provided an email in support of the adoption of the “Plan”.

Commissioner Costello thanked the County-wide Act 167 Plan Ordinance/Standards Committee members: April Barkasi, Maurice Close, Rick Craig, Daniel Daley, Helen Esbenschade, John Gaadt, and Denny Howell.

Commissioner Costello stated that it is clear that there are public health and public safety benefits to be gained, but he was very sensitive to the additional costs to smaller projects. He acknowledged from reading the “Plan” that there was an impressive number of meetings held and opportunities for public input over the past three years. Commissioner Costello expressed his appreciation for the Simplified Method contained in the “Plan” that provides simplified stormwater management for smaller projects so that the regulations would be less burdensome and costly.

Jan Bowers noted that the approach to stormwater management is continually evolving and there will be opportunities to amend the “Plan” in the future.

## **CLOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Commissioner Costello stated he would entertain a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Farrell made a motion to close the public hearing; it was seconded by Commissioner Cozzone, and unanimously approved. The Public Hearing was adjourned.

## **MEETING ATTENDEES**

Bernard Sweeney  
David Ward  
Chris Strohmaier  
Dan Miloser  
Rick Craig  
Mark Gordon  
Ronald Furlan  
Craig Thomas  
Anita Nardone  
Ann Hutchinson  
Casey LaLonde  
Dani-Ella Betz  
Suzanne Woznicki

Daniel Crocker  
Jan Bowers  
Wes Horner  
Carrie Conwell  
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## **Chester County County-wide Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan**

**March 27, 2013 Public Meeting**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

A special public meeting for the "County-wide Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan for Chester County, Pennsylvania" ("Plan") was held by the Chester County Board of Commissioners on **March 27, 2013** in the Board of Commissioners' Board Room (313 W. Market St.) in West Chester, PA at 7:59 PM. In attendance were: Commissioners Ryan Costello, Kathi Cozzone, and Terence Farrell, and staff from Chester County Water Resources Authority (CCWRA), Chester County Planning Commission (CCPC), Chester County Conservation District (CCCD), and the Office of the Commissioners. Including Commissioners, their staff and staff from County agencies, a total of 29 people were in attendance.

A Public Meeting Agenda was handed out. Hard copies of the "Plan" were available upon request.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Costello called the meeting to order at 7:59 PM and stated that the purpose of the public meeting was to consider Resolution 08-13 and provide an opportunity for public comment on this Resolution. Commissioner Farrell added that Resolution 08-13 states that it is recommended that the Board of Commissioners adopt Resolution 08-13 to adopt the "County-wide Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan for Chester County, Pennsylvania" and to amend "Landscapes2" and "Watersheds" as stated therein.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA**

Commissioner Costello stated that he would entertain public comments; there were none. He indicated that the minutes should reflect that the Public Hearing took place just prior to the public meeting and the Commissioners were well aware of the public comments provided during that Public Hearing with regard to the "County-wide Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan for Chester County, Pennsylvania".

#### **RESOLUTION**

Commissioner Cozzone made a motion that the Chester County Board of Commissioners pass Resolution 08-13; it was seconded by Commissioner Farrell. Commissioner Costello summarized that regarding the motion to pass Resolution 08-13, the Commissioners would adopt, in accordance with Act 167, the "County-wide Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan for Chester County, Pennsylvania" and amend "Landscapes2" and "Watersheds" in accordance with Act 247. Commissioner Costello asked if there were any questions or comments on the motion to approve Resolution 08-13 and there were none. The motion carried three to zero.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Costello inquired if there were any public comments and there were none.

**COMMISSIONERS CLOSING COMMENTS**

Commissioner Costello thanked Ms. Bowers, CCWRA, CCCD, CCPC, participating municipalities, advocacy groups, engineers and all participants who attended meetings, reviewed drafts and provided comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Costello made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded Commissioner Farrell, and unanimously approved.

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