

Laurel Hill and Back Creek CAAC Meeting – May 4, 2011
Seven Springs
Dogwood Forum Room

Attendance: Jay Braund, Heather Fowler, Art Gusbar, Mike Hill, Krissy Kasserman, Jim Moses, Joel Ponteraro, Deb Simko, Gary and Page Wetterberg

Brainstorming sessions for both watersheds were held for Alternative Water Supply, Alternative Waste Water Handling, and Recommendations for New or changes to Regulations or Policies

The results are as follows:

Alternative Water Supply

Laurel Hill Creek

Use Que Water
Capture Additional Springs
Use Yough Reservoir
Water Reuse
Conservation/Demand *
Source Water Protection
Storage Tanks
Re-evaluate DEP permits
Return Wastewater to LHC
Increase Somerset Boro sources outside of LHC
Water Credits to Landowners
Protect Critical Recharge Areas
Dredge Somerset Boro Reservoir

*Demand = conservation practices, metering and audit uses

Back Creek

Utilize MAWC Water System
Use MR Reservoir as Primary Source (ICVWA)
Use Yough Reservoir
Water Reuse
Conservation/Demand *
Source Water Protection
Storage Tanks
Re-evaluate DEP permits
Alternative uses of AMD as Water Source
Develop New Water Sources Outside of BC
Water Credits to Landowners
Protect Critical Recharge Areas
Dredge Mill Run Reservoir

Alternative Waste Water Handling

Laurel Hill Creek

Re-Use/Recycling for Hidden Valley
Tie into Laurel Hill State Park System
Innovative Small Community Systems (ie Twin Lakes Park)

Back Creek

currently there are no sewage treatment facilities – when ready - use “Innovative Sm. Community”

New or Changes to Regulations/Policies

Laurel Hill Creek & Back Creek

Enforcement Provisions – with Big Teeth
Policy for all Permit Reviews to look at the CARPs - make it a requirement
Re-evaluate existing Permits w/language for permit time limits
Discourage Inter-Basin transfers
Discourage Development in Source Water Protection Areas & Groundwater Recharge Areas
Stricter Groundwater Protection
New local regulations and zoning that tie to enforcement related to CARPs, etc
Prioritize grant funding to support CARPs
Prohibition for Gas well drilling in CARPs
Media Exposure on all items listed

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, 9:30 a.m. – same location