

# 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the CCV Stormwater Committee

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 9:00 am

Chevy Chase Village Hall

- Administrative notes:
  - o When sending documents or information related to the business of the Committee always include the email: [chevychasesw@gmail.com](mailto:chevychasesw@gmail.com)
  - o Documents for the committee will be posted on Google Drive at: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tSx3QnRztcoRi4ExLpdGbw0rOcFB2gPT>
  - o Committee members are asked to please provide their phone numbers to Bill Atkins, if you haven't already done so.
  - o Committee members are interested in having the stormwater infrastructure map with problem areas notes in RED emailed to the group (NOTE: That map is now uploaded to the Google Drive).
  - o The Committee is seeking topography and aquifer maps, any Committee members with ideas and information on where to acquire such maps please share it with the Committee and CCV Staff.
- Roll Call:
  - o All Committee Members were in Attendance;
  - o In Attendance Representing CCV staff: Ms. Shana Davis-Cooke, Chevy Chase Village Manager; and Ms. Ellen Sands, Director of Municipal Operations;
  - o CCV Resident(s) in attendance: William Curtin, first block of Primrose Street off Connecticut Avenue.
- Outline Objectives and Purposes of the Stormwater Committee and the timeline for deliverables (Atkins):
  - o Draft Community Survey on Stormwater out for review by the Committee (all Committee members received the draft survey by email on January 23, 2023)
  - o Committee members who care to comment on the survey are to submit comments by email.
  - o February: Final Community Survey completed before the next meeting at the end of February
  - o March: Community Survey dispersed to CCV residents (4 week response period)
  - o April-May: Review Committee review of responses
  - o June: Share responses with the Community; work on education
  - o August: Provide Best Practices Report to Board
  - o December: Issue final report on recommended actions/approaches for the Board to take that will affect the most people.
- Presentation of the Problems (Davis-Cook and Sands)
  - o Factors contributing to stormwater runoff
  - o Overview on the differences between Village permitting processes for construction and Montgomery County – and some of the tension this creates

- The Village code requires building projects to appropriately manage stormwater but not to a certain standard (i.e. to handle a 100-year storm event).
    - While Montgomery County can issue waivers to residents pursuing construction projects that are especially challenged to meet County regulations, the Village offers no waivers and builders must develop and implement plans/solutions that comply with Village stormwater management criteria.
    - While the Village building code maintains a requirement that raised structures cannot cover more than 35% of a lot, this does not apply to the construction of outdoor hardscaping (impervious surfaces) like sidewalks, driveways, patios and sporting surfaces.
    - Village code does not specifically require residents to properly maintain residential stormwater management systems like downspouts, French drains, sump pumps and drywells.
  - Explanation of the stormdrain maps and problem areas
    - Specific examples given are the Unit block of Hesketh and the Unit and first block of Primrose off Connecticut Avenue.
  - Descriptions of some of the specific challenges residents faced with construction/compliance; challenges faced by neighbors and community members from poorly managed stormwater and/or exceptionally challenging stormwater management scenarios.
  - A question from Village Staff for the Committee: What can the Village do to minimize the overall impact of stormwater on public space?
- Committee Member intros and expressions of interests in the issue.
- Members who volunteered to be on the Survey Subcommittee, which will present an updated draft of the survey at the February meeting :
  - Asher
  - Bang-Jensen
  - Epstein
  - Kingston
  - Klein
  - Marcus
- Committee members were asked to be watchful in the community and take note of storm drains and stormwater outfalls that are not identified on the map, as well as any other stormwater issues they deem pertinent. The County is interested in having additional information.
- The Committee is seeking topographical and aquifer maps
  - Committee members are asked to think on and share other helpful info and resources for the committee to consider in its work.
- The Committee will review current CCV policies related to stormwater.
- Adjournment