

## Howard County 2018 – 2019 Programmatic Two-Year Milestones January 2018 – December 2019

Target Date	Milestone	Deliverable	Lead Agency	Comments
<b>Urban Stormwater</b>				
Ongoing	Seek more funding to support capital budget and develop new funding sources	Adjust capital budget requests as necessary and apply for available grants to implement projects to meet the impervious restoration requirement. Investigate and establish public/private partnerships.	SWMD, OCS	Continuation and expansion of a 2016 Milestone
Ongoing	Continue targeted programs for allocating portions of the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund (WPRF)	Continue programs to fund partnerships between the County and residential, non-profit, and commercial properties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>CleanScapes Residential Credit and Reimbursement Program</i></li> <li>• <i>Rain Gardens for Clean Water Residential Program</i></li> <li>• <i>Nonprofit Partnership Program</i></li> <li>• <i>Non-Residential/ Commercial Reimbursement Program</i></li> <li>• <i>Septic Maintenance Pump-Out Rebate Program</i></li> </ul>	OCS	Continuation and expansion of a 2013 Milestone
Ongoing	Seek increased funding to expand the County-sponsored Watershed Enhancement Grant (WEG) program	Maintain existing program and request increases in the WEG budget	SWMD	Continuation and expansion of a 2013 Milestone
Ongoing	Continue Developing NPDES MS4 Compliance and TMDL Tracking Geodatabase	Geodatabase for internal use and for MS4 Annual Reporting	SWMD	Continuation and expansion of a 2016 Milestone

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Ongoing	Build/Enhance Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate with State Highway Administration, Columbia Association, Howard County Public School System (HCPSS), and Howard Community College on BMP implementation opportunities</li> <li>• Continue volunteer activities with active watershed groups and through the Watershed Stewards Academy</li> <li>• Continue partnerships with non-profit entities through the Watershed Protection Partnership and Howard EcoWorks</li> </ul>	SWMD and OCS	Continuation of a 2016 Milestone
Ongoing	Enhance Inter-Departmental Coordination	<p>Continue Stormwater Cabinet Subcommittees made up of members from various County departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stormwater Policy</li> <li>• MS4-Data Management</li> <li>• Projects</li> <li>• Outreach</li> </ul>	OCS	Continuation of a 2016 Milestone
Ongoing	Assess local stream health	Continue Countywide Biological Monitoring	SWMD	Continuation of a 2016 Milestone
Ongoing	Increase Public Awareness	Install educational signs at water quality improvement project sites	OCS and SWMD	Continuation of a 2016 Milestone
Ongoing	Continue the Watershed Stewards Academy	Continue working with Watershed Stewards	OCS	Continuation and expansion of a 2013 Milestone
Ongoing	Continue implementing an enhanced public education and outreach program through social marketing and in-person meetings for stormwater management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates to cleanwaterhoward.com website</li> <li>• Outreach presentations</li> </ul>	OCS	Continuation and expansion of a 2013 Milestone

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2018-2019	Work with Bureau of Utilities on a nutrient trading program for impervious surface restoration	Howard County DPW Trading Program	DPW	New milestone
2018-2019	Work with Bureau of Highways on a targeted street sweeping and inlet cleaning program	Targeted street sweeping and inlet cleaning program	DPW	New milestone
2018-2019	Consider modifying monitoring programs to better track BMP implementation progress.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stream Resource Sampling</li> <li>• Intensive Restoration Performance Monitoring</li> <li>• Bacteria Monitoring</li> </ul>	SWMD	New milestone
2018-2019	Coordinate with all County Capital and maintenance projects to maximize opportunity for water quality improvement	Outreach and coordination with County departments	DPW	New milestone
2018-2019	Investigate acquisition of private drainage easements to ensure storm drain system functionality	Investigation of targeted areas for easement acquisition	DPW	New milestone
2018-2019	Work with Department of Recreation and Parks, Columbia Association and Howard County Public School System on a Countywide or localized pet waste management program	Monitoring and research report to document water quality benefits of the alternative BMP	DPW, DRP	New milestone
2018-2019	Work with Bureau of Highways on revisions to the Salt Management Plan, if necessary	Updated Salt Management Plan that includes more information on water quality considerations	DPW, Health Department	New milestone

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<b>Wastewater</b>				
2018-2019	Work with Bureau of Environmental Services on a nutrient trading program for impervious surface restoration	Howard County DPW Trading Program	DPW	New milestone
<b>Septic</b>				
Ongoing	Seek additional funding for providing economic incentives to septic system owners to encourage retrofit of Best Available Technology (BAT) systems	Apply for available grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bay Restoration Fund (BRF)</li> <li>• HB 12 BRF Septic Bill and Board of Public Works funding</li> </ul>	Health Department	Continuation and expansion of a 2013 Milestone.
2018-2019	Work with MDE on accurate reporting of the number of septic systems within the County	Accurate reporting in WIP III of Howard County's number of septic systems and appropriate loads and targets	Health Department and SWMD	New milestone
2018-2019	Work with Bureau of Engineering on a Septic Connection Program	Septic Connection Program	Health Department	New milestone
Ongoing	Continue Septic Maintenance Program through incentivizing pump outs	Septic Maintenance Program to include outreach, education and incentives	OCS	New milestone