



Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council

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Meeting Summary for May 21, 2025

Members

- Curtis Barrett
- Ashley Collier
- Craig Connell
- Charlene Norris

- Craig Paskoski
- Tom Scanlan
- Michele Smith
- Tamara Strobel

County Government

- Brenda Dinne, Special Projects Coordinator/ EAC Staff Liaison/Secretary
- Denise Mathias, EAC Admin Support

Guest Speaker(s)

- n/a

Other Attendees

- None

1. CALL TO ORDER -

- Mr. Paskoski, Chair, officially called the May 21, 2025, meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) to order at 3:02 PM in Room 204 of the County Office Building.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -

a. March 19, 2025

Discussion/Decision:

- Approval of the March minutes was discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion 492-25: Motion was made by Curt Barrett and seconded by Tamara Strobel to approve the March 19, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/meetings/

b. April 16, 2025

Discussion/Decision:

- Approval of the April minutes was discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion 493-25: Motion was made by Tamara Strobel and seconded by Curt Barrett to approve the April 16, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Reference/Attachment(s):

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3. STAFF LIAISON REPORT -

Discussion/Decision:

- The next meeting will be held on June 18, 2025, at 3:00 PM. The agenda will include continued discussion on the projects in the 2025 Work Plan.
- Ms. Smith will begin working on arranging for a tour of the Howard County compost facility in place of the October EAC meeting.
- Ms. Marasco’s position has not yet been filled. A Certificate of Appreciation will be sent to Ms. Marasco.

4. NEW BUSINESS -

- a. None

5. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS -

a. Climate Resilience in Your Own Backyard - Discussion

Discussion:

- The initial draft text was discussed. Some additional work was needed by members, which will be completed by June 4. The revised draft text will be discussed at the June 18 meeting.

EAC Member Action Items:

- All members Complete initial draft text. To be discussed June 18.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

b. MPRP Environmental Impact Summary - Discussion

Discussion:

- The suggested content was discussed and determined to have addressed the most important topics. Members will develop bulleted points for discussion at the June 18 meeting.

EAC Member Action Items:

- All members Develop and insert bulleted impacts to outline. To be discussed June 18.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

c. Cost Savings with Environmental Benefits - Discussion

Discussion:

- Projects need to be identified with the relevant departments before bringing to the EAC for discussion.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

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d. 2025 Environmental Action Awards – Discussion

Discussion:

- All materials have been updated. As soon as the gift value of each gift is identified, the materials will be finalized.
- The final materials will be either emailed or hardcopies mailed to the distribution list by the first week of June. A news release will be sent out around June 2,
- Awards will be presented at the Carroll EnviroFest (formerly “Environmental Symposium”) on October 25.
- The businesses that committed to donating prizes are as follows:
 - ◆ Spot-On Engineering Solutions, Inc. – \$1,000 scholarship to the Student Engagement winner
 - ◆ Sun Nurseries in Woodbine – gift basket valued at \$350 to the winner in each category
 - ◆ Local Homestead Products in New Windsor – gift valued at an amount still to be determined to the winner in each category
 - ◆ JeannieBird Baking Company in Westminster – gift basket valued at \$50 to the winner in each category
 - ◆ Rudolph Books in Westminster – book to the Educational Outreach winner

EAC Member Action Items:

- Ms. Strobel Confirm gift value amount with Local Homestead Products.

Reference/Attachment(s):

- <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/environmental-action-awards/>

e. 2025 Environmental Stewardship Booklet – Discussion

Discussion:

- Most of the updated information has been received and reflected in the draft document. The EAC will review the draft at the June 18 meeting.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

Reference/Attachment(s):

- n/a

6. OTHER –

- Earth Day 2025: Mr. Paskoski participated in the Master Gardeners event at Piney Run Nature Center on April 26 on behalf of the EAC. The event was lightly attended and possibly impacted by parking availability due to another event at the park that day.

EAC Member Action Items:

- n/a

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS –

- None.

8. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING -

- The meeting adjourned at 3:43 PM. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 3:00 PM in COB Room 204.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT - MOTION 494-25: Motion was made by Curt Barrett and seconded by Craig Connell to adjourn the May 21, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

 Regular Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, June 18, 2025 @ 3:00 PM, COB Room 204