

**PLAN PRINCE GEORGE'S 2035 IMPLEMENTATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE**

November 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

Attendees:

CM Thomas Dernoga
Tony Felts
Brian Halloran
Frederick Tutman
James Riley
Alexander Austin

Evelyn Hoban
Katina Shoulars
Nathaniel Foreman
Ashlee Green
Ronald Weiss
Ardalun Kamali

Staff:

Natalia Gomez
Rana Hightower

Guests:

Lakisha Hull, Planning Director, The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Mary Abe, Deputy Associate Director, Sustainability Division, Prince George's Department of the Environment
Dawn Hawkins-Nixon, Associate Director, Sustainability Division, Prince George's Department of the Environment
Shirley Branch, Water and Sewer Coordinator, Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement
Rey De Guzman, Associate Director, Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement

Welcome (CM Dernoga)

Attendance – Have Quorum.

Recap of Last Meeting -

Power Point Presentations: Urban Heat Island Study and Tree Equity, by Deputy Associate Director Abe; Watershed Level Flood Hazard Assessment and Mitigation Studies by Associate Director Hawkins-Nixon; Water and Sewer Category Change by Water and Sewer Coordinator Ms. Branch; and Stormwater Management Process by Associate Director Mr. De Guzman.

Discussion:

Questions were asked about the PowerPoint presentation by Deputy Associate Director Abe: - Mr. Foreman: What are the range temperatures to determine a hotspot? A: We look at data over time, we start looking at data from 2011 and have a movie that shows how a spot changes, and there is a range of temperatures that we can share with you. – Mr. Weiss: I would like to hear more about the citizen scientist A: The citizen engagement has not started; it will be a green team open to those interested in quantifying temperatures – Mr. Felts: Could Park and Planning have access to this data? A: We can share the mapping; the data is too heavy.

Questions were asked about the PowerPoint presentation by Associate Director Hawkins-Nixon: - CM Dernoga: Will these studies be reflected in the floodplain analysis by DPIE? A: That is our intent, our team will coordinate with DPIE in the data reasonableness and regulation process. - CM Dernoga: Will you draw new boundaries, and will they be reflected on PG Atlas? A: Yes, we will map flood delineation and flood valleys, our goal is to make them regulatory. - CM Dernoga: Will that give a general idea for individual projects? A: Typically, that is the way we do it now. - CM Dernoga: How old is the current mapping? A: We use FEMA mapping from 2016 and before that, they show existing land use conditions at that time; going forward, our models will have a more detailed development analysis, which might not be included in the FEMA mapping. – CM Dernoga: DPIE issued a technical update 1.5 years ago. -De Guzman: Yes, the Technogram was based on

the information provided by the Corps of Engineers, and based on that information, we formulated a three-board system. – Mr. Foreman: Consultants do additional floodplain studies. Have these third-party studies been taken into consideration? A: During the initial phases of watershed studies, we collect data, including the ones from developers. – CM Dernoga: When are the results of these studies expected? A: by the end of calendar year 2026.

Questions were asked about the PowerPoint presentation by Water and Sewer Coordinator Ms. Branch: – Mr. Riley: What category would a split be, and how could that community get public water when they switch categories? A: I have seen very few, and they usually are in category 6 using a permanent septic system; in these cases, the water portion would have to be signed by DPIE, and the sewer portion has to be signed by the Health Department.

-Discussion on closing remarks – CM Dernoga: Is the recommendation report an item on this agenda? – Ms. Hightower: This item is included in the December agenda; we could start the discussion if there are any ideas that the task force members have; other ideas can be from topics discussed in prior task force meetings. The Planning Department is responsible for drafting the report. – Ms. Hull: Park and Planning will be able to provide recommendations. Our goal is to have a conversation at the next meeting about what we heard in previous sessions and the survey results. – CM Dernoga: It would be helpful to highlight those plans or projects that are in process that need to be finished in order to make strong recommendations.

Next meeting is in-person December 16, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Adjournment

Future meeting dates to be determined