

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MORE THAN JUST HOLDING A MEETING

BALTIMORE CITY'S APPROACH TO THE MS4 WIP

Central Maryland Regional WIP Workshop
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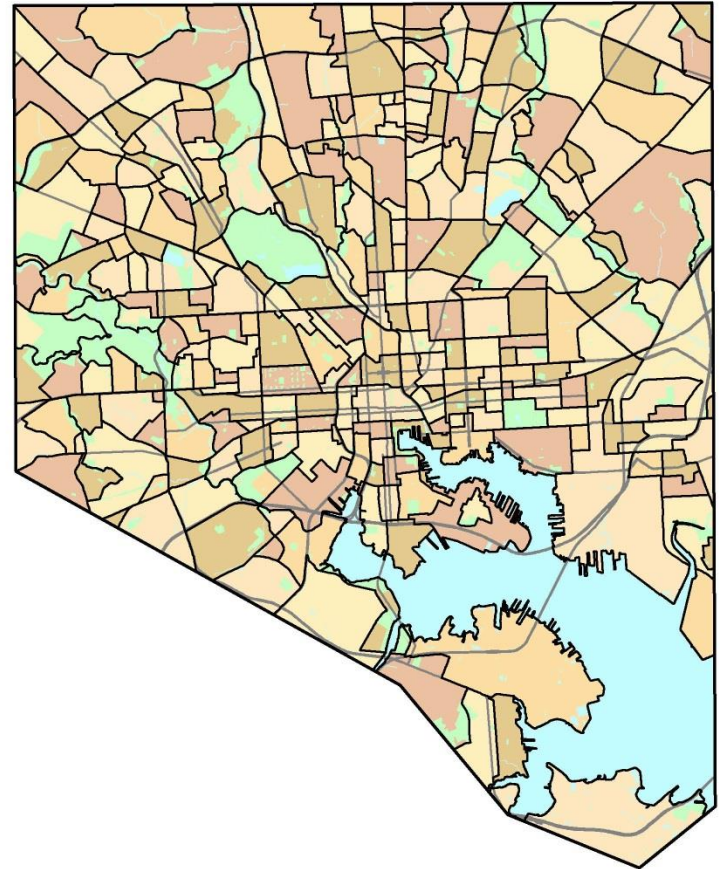
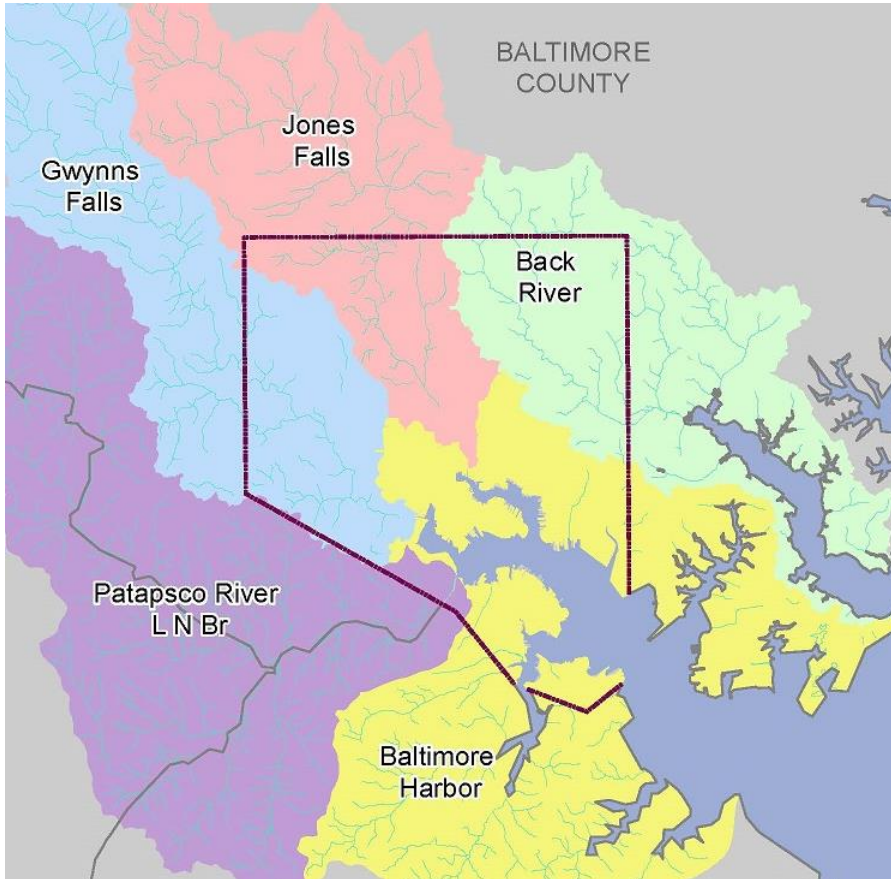
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I live in a watershed?



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Pillars of Practical Watershed Planning

1. Plan for more projects than you need.
2. Plan for resources that will affect funding needs.
3. Plan to maintain.
4. Plan to be a part of a bigger picture.
5. Plan for effective public participation.
6. Plan to adapt.



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INFORMATION

The screenshot shows the homepage of Clean Water Baltimore. At the top, there is a blue header with the 'cleanwaterbaltimore' logo and the website URL 'www.cleanwaterbaltimore.org'. To the right of the logo are three circular logos: the City of Baltimore seal, the Baltimore City Department of Public Works (DPW) logo, and the Baltimore Water Utility logo. Below these logos are the names and titles of the Mayor, Director, and Acting Bureau Head. A navigation menu below the header includes links for WATER, STORMWATER, WASTEWATER, CAPITAL PROJECTS, CUSTOMER SUPPORT, and BALTIMETER, along with a search icon. The main content area features a large photograph of five smiling children in a swimming pool. Below the photo, a text box states 'DPW is committed to meeting with residents and stakeholders'. To the left of this text box are two portrait photos: Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor of Baltimore, and Rudolph S. Chow, P.E., Director of Public Works. To the right of the photos is a 'Welcome to Clean Water Baltimore' section with introductory text and a 'Read more...' link. Below the portraits is a section titled 'Baltimore Invests in Water and Wastewater; Supports Jobs, Economy' with a sub-headline and a photograph of construction workers. To the right of this section is a 'Press Releases' box with two links: 'Water...' and 'Stormwater...'.

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Welcome to Clean Water Baltimore

Clean water is our most valuable natural resource. Water connects us, restores us, and gives life and sustenance.

Clean Water Baltimore — our all-inclusive approach to guarantee clean waterways for this generation of citizens and the next — was designed with you in mind.

[Read more...](#)

Baltimore Invests in Water and Wastewater; Supports Jobs, Economy

Clean, safe drinking water supports life, and it supports economic

Press Releases

- [Water...](#)
- [Stormwater...](#)



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OUTREACH + ENGAGEMENT

Watershed Liaison Office

- Provide community planning and outreach to neighborhoods
- Serve as the Department's "point person" with other City agencies, NGOs, and community groups
- Coordinate regular outreach meetings with stakeholder groups
- Serve on partner-led committees and work groups
- Develop educational and training material and assist in the promotion and dissemination of this information



Communications and
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OUTREACH + ENGAGEMENT

MS4 WIP Planning Process

Public Meetings (4) Summer 2014

Smaller Stakeholder Meetings

- Environmental NGOs
- Community Development Corporations

Sharing information via e-mail, web site, and social media



The flyer features a header with logos for the City of Baltimore, DPW, and the Department of Public Works, alongside a large green leaf graphic. The main text is set against a light purple background. It includes a title, a paragraph about polluted stormwater runoff, a section titled 'There's a way for you to help!', a paragraph about the DPW's plan, and a list of four public meetings with their dates, times, and locations. It also includes a note about doors opening 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting, a section for 'Help Us Reduce Polluted Runoff!' with contact information, and a footer with the 'cleanwaterbaltimore' logo and website.

You Are Cordially Invited

Polluted stormwater runoff carries litter, bacteria, chemicals, and harmful wastes from houses, streets, and parking lots directly into our streams and harbor. It is unsightly and unhealthy, and it needs to be controlled.

There's a way for you to help!

The Baltimore City Department of Public Works is developing a plan to reduce its polluted runoff. It will not only improve our streams and harbor, but also create cleaner streets and greener neighborhoods.

Four public meetings will be held to get input on the plan. A federally mandated "MS4" permit requires Baltimore to implement this plan within the next 5 years. Your input is important. This plan will guide how and where the City spends its stormwater fee.

***Doors will open 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.**

<u>Introduction and Listening Session</u> June 16, 6:00 – 7:30pm Southeast Anchor Library 3601 Eastern Avenue 21224	<u>Initial Goals and Recommendations</u> July 16, 6:00 – 7:30pm Reisterstown Road Branch Library 6310 Reisterstown Road 21215
<u>Project Prioritization / Preliminary Costs</u> August 7, 6:00 – 7:30pm Orleans Street Branch Library 1303 Orleans Street 21231	<u>Maintenance/Contingency Plans</u> September 8, 6:00 – 7:30pm Southeast Anchor Library 3601 Eastern Avenue 21224

Help Us Reduce Polluted Runoff!

For more information about the public meetings and the MS4 Permit please visit DPW's Clean Water Baltimore website at www.cleanwaterbaltimore.org and click on the "stormwater" tab. If special accommodations or sign language interpreting are needed at the public meeting please call Dwight Daughton at 410-396-1161 dwight.daughton@baltimorecity.gov at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

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PARTNERSHIP

Participant on various Committees and Work Groups

- Healthy Harbor Steering Committee
- Healthy Harbor Trash Work Group
- Sustainability Commission Waste Work Group
- Growing Green Work Group
- TreeBaltimore Steering Committee
- Watershed 263 Council
- Baltimore Urban Waters Federal Partnership
- Baltimore Development Work Group / Baltimore Port Alliance / Community Development Network of MD



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MOVING FORWARD

Expand, Diversify, Connect!



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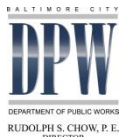
Stormwater Advisory Committee Technical / Outreach Work Groups Stakeholder Roundtables



- *Expand the Watershed Liaison Office*
- *Closer collaboration with the DPW Community Liaisons, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods, Planning, and BCPSS*
- *Regular outreach to community associations, merchant groups, and faith-based organizations*
- *Seek out non-traditional partners, events, forums*



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Thank You

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