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February 21, 2023

George Patchell, Town Administrator  
Town of Perryville  
P.O. Box 773  
Perryville, MD 21903

Dear Mr. Patchell:

The Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration (Department) has completed a review of the Town of Perryville's progress report under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit No. 13-IM-5500 for Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). The report reflects progress made to meet permit conditions during the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The Department has determined that the submittal meets reporting requirements as outlined in the permit.

The progress report indicated that the Town of Perryville has calculated an updated restoration target of 50 acres. Additional program accomplishments include developing a map of the MS4 system, making progress in restoration planning through a local partnership, and engaging the public and Town staff through stormwater education and outreach efforts. Results of the Department's review are provided as an attachment. Major comments include:

- Provide an update in the next progress report on progress entering data into the BMP database.
- Please continue to plan for restoration implementation beyond 2025. An updated RAS submitted in the 2023 Progress Report should provide an estimate of impervious area restoration implementation through 2030. The Department recommends that the Town should plan for additional restoration equivalent to 10% of the current baseline by 2030. This information will help to inform future permit requirements.

The comments in the attachment shall be addressed in the next progress report due on October 31, 2023, in accordance with Appendix D of the permit. The Department recognizes the significant effort necessary to implement a stormwater program and commends the Town of Perryville for its commitment and progress to date. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 410-537-3547 or [Michelle.Crawford1@Maryland.gov](mailto:Michelle.Crawford1@Maryland.gov), or Deborah Cappuccitti at [Deborah.Cappuccitti@Maryland.gov](mailto:Deborah.Cappuccitti@Maryland.gov) or 410-537-3533.

Sincerely,

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Natural Resources Planner  
Water and Science Administration

Attachment

**Town of Perryville**  
**Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit**  
**Maryland Department of the Environment (Department) Review of**  
**Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 MS4 General Permit Progress Report**

**Reporting**

1. The Town of Perryville (“Town”) submitted a completed Progress Report Form and included a signature for the appropriate responsible personnel and contact information. This information is required to be updated annually.
2. The next Progress Report is due on October 31, 2023 and must include updates to the impervious area restoration program and responses to comments outlined below.

**Section I: Impervious Area Restoration Reporting**

3. The Town calculated an updated restoration target of 50 acres based on an estimated untreated impervious area of 251 acres. The Town has exceeded the 20% target by completing 55 acres of restoration to date. Restoration was accomplished through a stream restoration project.
4. The Work Plan contained a detailed update on the Town’s restoration planning progress. The Town entered into a public-private partnership with a third-party to fund the construction of a stream restoration project located in the Town of North East, which may provide up to 56 acres of impervious acre credit.
5. A Restoration Activity Schedule (RAS) was submitted in the required format and listed the planned stream restoration project at Bare Farm. The Town should submit a memorandum of agreement outlining how the credit will be shared among all partners.
6. Please continue to plan for restoration implementation beyond 2025. An updated RAS submitted in the 2023 Progress Report should provide an estimate of impervious area restoration implementation through 2030. The Department recommends that the Town should plan for additional restoration equivalent to 10% of the current baseline by 2030. This information will help to inform future permit requirements.
7. A BMP database was submitted in the required format. Please correct the following
  - a. Continue to coordinate with the County to ensure all BMPs within the Town are inspected triennially and maintained. Four BMPs had an outdated triennial inspection and 30 listed a failing status.
  - b. The Town must include maintenance dates for all Town owned BMPs. Continue to work with the County to enter all missing information including drainage area and treatment amount. This information is required to receive treatment credit toward the baseline for these facilities.

**Minimum Control Measure (MCM) #1: Public Education and Outreach**

8. The Town provided sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with this MCM.
9. The Town provided staff training in topics including pollution prevention, spill reporting, and good housekeeping. No public complaints were received this reporting period.
10. The Town shall continue to implement this program and provide an update in future Progress Reports as requested by the Department.

**MCM #2: Public Involvement and Participation**

11. The Town provided sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with this MCM.
12. The Town offered several public involvement programs, engaging more than 30 participants (including 2 staff) and collecting over 3,330 pounds of trash.

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<p>13. The Town shall continue to implement this program and provide an update in future Progress Reports as requested by the Department.</p>
<p><b>MCM #3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)</b></p>
<p>14. The Town provided sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with this MCM. Program activity updates were submitted.</p>
<p>15. A map was submitted with outfalls, conveyances, and stormwater BMPs. 32 outfalls were screened and a summary was provided. The Town is commended for this achievement.</p>
<p>16. The Town shall continue to implement this program and provide an update in future Progress Reports as requested by the Department.</p>
<p><b>MCM #4: Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control</b></p>
<p>17. The Town provided sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with this MCM.</p>
<p>18. The Town continued coordination with the Department and Cecil Soil Conservation District to meet this MCM. One employee held the Responsible Personnel Certification.</p>
<p>19. The Town shall continue to implement this program and provide an update in future Progress Reports as requested by the Department.</p>
<p><b>MCM #5: Post Construction Stormwater Management</b></p>
<p>20. The Town provided sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with this MCM.</p>
<p>21. The Town performed maintenance on Town-owned BMPs and kept inspection records created by the County. The Town reported five publicly owned BMPs and had trained one staff member in BMP inspection and maintenance.</p>
<p>22. The Town shall continue to implement this program and provide an update in future Progress Reports as requested by the Department.</p>
<p><b>MCM #6: Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping</b></p>
<p>23. The Town provided sufficient information to comply with this MCM.</p>
<p>24. The Town maintained good housekeeping plans and inspection records on-site for Department review. Pollution prevention activities were described including inlet cleaning.</p>
<p>25. The Town should continue to implement this program and provide an update in future Progress Reports as requested by the Department.</p>
<p><b>Financial Information</b></p>
<p>26. The Town reported the cost during the reporting period (Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022) included approximately \$133,750 for restoration activities and \$37,342 to implement the Minimum Control Measures. The Department commends the Town for its commitment to maintaining program funding. Please continue to report cost information in future Progress Reports as requested by the Department.</p>