

# St. Mary's River Watershed Restoration Action Strategy

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## MINUTES

10:00 AM January 12, 2009  
Lexington Park Library room #A

St. Mary's River Watershed Association (SMRWA) Executive Director Bob Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. Also in attendance were: Becki Wolf, Steve King, Dudley Lindsley, Robin Finnacom, Joe Anderson, Megan Hession, Sheryl Skrabacz, John Groeger, Henry Miller, and Lindsay Tempinson.

The **agenda** was accepted as presented.

The **minutes of the December 8 meeting** were accepted as is.

SMCM student intern Megan Hession reported on her work on the public process. She has contacted a number of homeowner associations but has not found any that are interested in hosting a presentation on the WRAS project. She is looking for community groups and agencies that are willing to hear a 10-30 presentation on the WRAS project. Please get in contact with her if you have any ideas. [mehession@smcm.edu](mailto:mehession@smcm.edu) The committee has already presented to a number of groups including the county commissioners, SMC Chamber Governmental Affairs Committee, The Patuxent Partnership, and Lexington Park Rotary. Megan will present at 8 PM on Friday Jan 16 to attendees of the Myrtle Point Owl Prowl and at the SMC Fair & Flea Market Jan 17. Others suggestions voiced included the Development Review Forum, Planning Commission, and Kiwanis Club.

The committee then reviewed the table of contents items by paging through the Characterization document (projected from a PDF document) and commenting on drafted items that were being presented. The document is available on the web site <http://www.stmarysriver.org/pdfdocs/DraftCharacterization2009-01-12.pdf> Areas where work still needs to be done, as well as issues needing further comment or research, were noted in red. Members in attendance who submitted items for inclusion (items not in the presented document) were Dudley—Protected Lands, Becki—Living Resources, and Robin—The Lexington Park Plan and the Encroachment Study.

Discussions about the presented draft Characterization items generated much discussion about what should be included and extensive notes were taken on these specifics. These and some minor editing comments were also recorded but will not be detailed in these minutes. A new area was identified for inclusion in the document – home conservation and conservation at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Staff and volunteers will continue to draft/add these items to the working draft and will periodically upload the draft Characterization to the web site – check this page for any updates <http://www.stmarysriver.org/documents.html> An email will be sent to the committee to alert them that a new draft is available.

**Committee members are asked to submit their draft to Bob Lewis ASAP—and no later than the February meeting (February 9).** Items submitted beforehand will be included in the draft presented at the February meeting. Committee members are also encouraged to review the current draft and email comments to Bob Lewis. [Bob.Lewis@hughes.net](mailto:Bob.Lewis@hughes.net)

The action items were not reviewed (see below) as each attendee took notes.

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:46.

Action items noted at this meeting only: *Please review older minutes for additional tasking.*  
<http://www.stmarysriver.org/documents.html>

- Robin – ask Navy for landscape demographics for Webster Field
- Robin – check with county for appropriate logo
- Robin – send Bob L. the study on doctors and medical facilities
- Lindsay – double-check TMDL info on St. Mary’s Lake
- Lindsay – look for non-point source loading (page 5-16 of current draft)
- Lindsay – DNR fish blockage removal programs and funding
- Steve K. – need short write up info on the METCOM “abandoned wells” (arsenic) and replacement wells (add to page 7-5)
- Steve K. – write up on the METCOM facilities plan (add to Section 10)
- Becki – review Living Resources with Bob Paul and send electronically to Bob Lewis
- Sheryl – info on how many private septic systems are in the watershed (non-point) and are there any areas of failing systems in the watershed
- Bob L. – ask Sue about MDE studies (DNR?) on fecal coliform
- Bob L. – review items submitted today and incorporate into working draft (LP Plan, Protected Lands, and Living Resources)

The next meeting will be 10 AM February 9 at the Lexington Park Library room #A.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Lewis  
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