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On Monday, January 4, 2016, the Board of Garrett County Commissioners provided notice of a Public Hearing to hear citizen comments on the Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan.

The Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan was prepared for the Board of Garrett County Commissioners and Maryland Department of Natural Resources by the Deep Creek Watershed Plan Steering Committee. The Plan, which has been widely disseminated, was presented to the County in October 2014 and has been under review since then.

### PUBLIC HEARING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016

6:00 P.M.

GARRETT COLLEGE, ROOM 224

The complete Plan may be viewed at: <https://www.garrettcountry.org/planning-land-development/deep-creek-lake-watershed-management-plan>

The Deep Creek Watershed Plan Steering Committee developed thirteen (13) goals. After consultation with members of the sub-committee and stake holders, Goal 12 has been slightly modified. Below is the list of all thirteen (13) goals and includes the original language as well as the new language of Goal 12.

Goal 1: Improve management, funding, coordination and accountability for the Deep Creek watershed.

Goal 2: Nurture and informed and engaged citizenry regarding the Deep Creek watershed.

Goal 3: Collect the information needed to make informed management decisions that achieve the desired condition of the Deep Creek Lake and watershed.

Goal 4: Managing the existing land uses to achieve the desired condition of the Deep Creek Lake and watershed.

Goal 5: Manage SVA in Deep Creek Lake to maintain and improve the ecological stability of the lake, while working with waterfront landowners to minimize the interference of SAV with recreational uses of the lake around docks.

Goal 6: Prevent erosion and sedimentation to the greatest extent possible to protect water resources from increased sediment loading and associated water quality problems.

Goal 7: Promote policies that balance environmental sustainability and economic viability.

Goal 8: Manage stormwater infrastructure to decrease pollution from both existing and proposed development to ensure healthy watershed conditions.

Goal 9: Protect the watershed from the adverse effects of impaired septic systems and ensure adequate capacity and management of public sewerage system.

Goal 10: Preserve and enhance the quality of recreational opportunities while ensuring that those opportunities are in harmony with environmental stewardship.

Goal 11: Maximize the retention of forest cover to protect high-value aquatic and terrestrial natural resources.

**Goal 12: REPLACED-** *Assure that the water appropriation analysis and allocation methodology for Deep Creek Lake provides a fair distribution of water for all users, especially during the months of May through September.*

**WITH-** To study all Deep Creek Lake water releases and water inputs to determine if there is a different scientific method to maintain lake levels for lake recreation, whitewater boating and temperature enhancement that does not adversely affect any of these stakeholders.

Goal 13: Improve access to navigable waters for property owners who typically have shallow water during the summer months.