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Dear North Glade Run Watershed Property Owner:

As you may know, the County, in collaboration with the MD Department of Natural Resources and an appointed committee of local citizens, developed and adopted a Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan. One of the goals of the Plan is to “manage stormwater infrastructure to decrease pollution from existing and proposed development to ensure healthy watershed conditions”. To that end the County has secured grant funding from the Chesapeake Bay Trust (in partnership with the US EPA & MD DNR) to initiate a stormwater assesment at the subwatershed level that will serve as a guide in identifying stormwater problems and create an action plan for addressing issues and educating residents of stormwater best management practices. This guide would then be used in other Deep Creek subwatersheds going forward. The Garrett County Commissioners have awarded a contract to A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. (AMT) to conduct the stormwater assesment in your watershed. The North Glade Run Watershed was chosen for its mix of subdivisions developed prior to stormwater management requirements and identified areas of runoff concerns.

We are contacting all landowners within this subwatershed, and requesting permission from the landowner to access their property and assess runoff patterns during the Spring of 2015. Be aware that if you own property along a stream you may receive an additional letter about a stream corridor assesment DNR will be conducting. This is a separate effort but being done in concert with the stormwater project so their results can be shared with our contractor. Staff from AMT will be performing the stormwater fieldwork for this assesment. Teams of two to three field crew members may be accessing the area, making field observations of various characteristics that may contribute to erosion. Each team may pass through your property for a short time and will not alter the landscape in any way. Each member of the team will be wearing yellow jackets identifying them as AMT team members and observe proper protocols. AMT will not be needing to access every property in the watershed. After doing a desktop analysis of available data and compiling comments from citizens and county and state personnel knowledgeable of the area, they will determine where they will be focusing their efforts.

A public meeting is being scheduled for **April 11, 2015 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm** in the old gymnasium at Garrett College. At this meeting informational sessions will be provided by the University of Maryland Extension Office about the importance of stormwater management, the County Stormwater Engineer about the history of stormwater regulations in Garrett County and by our contractor outlining their planned procedure for conducting the assesment in your subwatershed. In addition, time will be set aside for questions and answers and to allow the residents the opportunity to pinpoint areas of runoff concerns as well as provide additional information to staff in attendance.

Please return the enclosed information sheet at that meeting or via mail by April 10th. The public can also participate via the North Glade Run Stormwater Project web page, which can be accessed by visiting <http://www.garrettcountry.org/planning-land-development/north-glade-run-stormwater-assesment> For more information about this study please contact Deborah Carpenter at 301-334-1920 or email dcarpenter@garrettcountry.org. Input from the residents will be taken throughout the course of this assesment which is scheduled to last through fall of this year. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Carpenter, Director

