

Dear Concerned Citizen,

The county's contract with A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. (AMT) ended with their submission of the final reports, which included reports on assessment methodology and GIS calculations as well as appendices detailing specific projects, technical information on the hydrologic & hydraulic modeling and NPDES general discharge permit information for marinas. All reports have been posted to the project website found at <https://www.garrettcountry.org/planning-land-development/forms/north-glade-run-stormwater-assessment>. AMT chose 5 priority areas and suggested possible remediation for those area. While this is not an all inclusive list, the contractor's scope of work required a prioritization and limited the design work to the top priorities.

Since the completion of the project, focus has been directed to ensuring the adoption of the Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan, which served as the impetus for this project and recommends it's continuation to remediation, while planning for an assessment of other watersheds. The Plan was officially adopted on March 7, 2016. Part of that document, and one that has been actively pursued over the last 6 months, is establishing a cooperative agreement and mechanism by which DNR, MDE and the County can work together to conduct research, offer incentives, provide educational programming and implement projects that benefit the health of the watershed. Once that mechanism is in place, remediation projects should be able to be planned and conducted in a more comprehensive and seamless way. We plan to keep the community informed of all progress as it relates to that agreement.

In the meantime, if you have questions, please feel free to contact me and I will answer them to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,

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