

PRESS RELEASE

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Garrett County has been awarded \$70,000 from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to conduct a stormwater assessment within the North Glade Run subwatershed in the Deep Creek Lake area. This subwatershed contains all or part of subdivisions in areas along Glendale Rd, Beckman Peninsula Rd, Glen Acres Rd, Harvey Peninsula Rd, North Glade Rd and Sky Valley Dr.

Project objectives include:

- (1) Assess the subwatershed to identify where stormwater issues exist.
- (2) Determine the source of identified stormwater issues.
- (3) Rank the identified issues based on the extent of their harmful impact on Deep Creek Lake.
- (4) Identify recommended best management practices and mitigation strategies.
- (5) Review the effectiveness of the process and document the procedure in order for the County to conduct similar assessments in other subwatersheds in the future.

The project also includes two educational public forums to which all residents in the subwatershed will be invited. The first will be to discuss the purpose, process and projected outcomes of the project, as well as to provide education on the importance of good stormwater management. The second will be to present findings from the assessment, as well as possible mitigation strategies and educate private homeowners and homeowners associations on stormwater measures they can initiate to aid in proper stormwater drainage on their properties.

According to Bob Hoffmann, POA President "This stormwater assessment will be the first of many that will identify run off areas and the resulting erosion, some of which contribute sediment to Deep Creek Lake. This and future efforts of a similar nature are directly supportive of objectives found in the Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan which was completed earlier in 2014. This first effort will serve as a template for Garrett County to work together with affected property owners to identify storm water problems and remedies which will benefit all stakeholders. This CBT grant award will make possible a great first step for us all."

The grant award will be used to hire an experienced firm to conduct the stormwater assessment. The project is expected to commence in the spring and conclude by the end of the year. Subwatershed residents can expect notification of the first public forum in March. Any questions regarding this project should be directed to Deborah Carpenter at 301-334-1920 or dcarpenter@garrettcounty.org.

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