

APPROVED MINUTES
Hickory Ridge Village Watershed Advisory Committee
Committee Meeting – July 10 2017 - Hawthorn Center – 7pm

Attendees: Deborah Wessner, Ellen Roberts, Iris Mars, Anna Farb

I. Proposed Agenda was approved

II. Minutes approved from Feb and June meetings

III. Old Business

- **Stenciling Project** – Ellen reported that she is still awaiting approval from Howard County Office of Sustainability on the acceptability of the location and the availability of stencils. She will arrange for pickup of supplied from the WSA office who purchased them from the grant money we were provided. There is a potential that the project will have to wait until autumn if the summer heat is too high for the paint to adhere well.
- **Pull & Plant** - We discussed having this project again this year, but likely in the fall or next spring. Deborah has developed a procedure for the development of the Pull and Plant.
- **Article for the LOG** – An article is schedules for the next HRV LOG on removal of English Ivy, an invasive, from residential properties. Iris is writing the article.

IV. New Business

Ideas for coming year (discussions continued from previous meeting)

- **Local Rain Garden Tour** – Deborah is to discuss this project with John McCoy and Anne Kulesza to seek advice on best time to hold such a tour.
- **Investigate and write up a "state of the HR's common areas"** - Iris will examine the ability to review the streets in Hickory Ridge and will discuss with Anne and Joan in the HRV office. She will suggest dates when we might be able to gather for joint walks in these areas. Deborah will provide a list of the HRV streets via email.
- **Native Garden at Hawthorn Center** – we discussed the possibility of getting some signage for the garden to identify what it is and types of plants used. Anna suggested we might want to use something similar to what REDDY uses for the rain gardens they install. In addition, Iris raised the idea that they may need to put some additional soil on the slope and possibly some groundcover to retain it. Deborah will pursue with Jan Clark at CA.

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- **Other Ideas to Consider** – the following were discussed but not identified for pursuit until we decide on the Stenciling, Rain Garden Tour/Seminar/Pull and Plant activity; a Pet Forum to advise folks about cleaning up the waste; a Fall Cleanup (being proposed by HRV Office and we can support); a meeting with other HR HOAs to provide them with ideas about how they can support the watershed (i.e. local cleanups, rain gardens, grants to fix issues, downspout diversion, etc.)