

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

Attendees: Iris Mars, Anna Farb, Deborah Wessner, Sara McGarity

**I. Proposed Agenda Approved**

**II. Minutes approved from July Meeting**

**III. Introductions:** Sara McGarity was introduced as a resident of an outparcel of Hickory Ridge who would like to be involved in watershed protection in her community. Sara has an educational and professional background in the watershed/environmental fields and recently worked on some projects in Howard County for an environmental firm. We discussed ways in which Sara could help educate us and possibly serve as a liaison for all the outparcels in the HR Village boundary.

**IV. Old Business**

- Stenciling Project – Per a note from her in advance of the meeting, Ellen is still waiting on stenciling information from Howard County. She has collected the supplies from the WSA office. Temperatures have been too high recently to begin the actual stenciling work, as the paint needs lower temperatures (90's are too high)
- WalkAbouts - Iris and Deborah have been walking different areas of HRV. They have noted a number of homes that could use downspout re-direction, removal of English Ivy and Bamboo. Iris also raised the point that homes on higher areas could really use education on containing their water with rain gardens and conservation gardens to avoid sending water downhill to other neighbors' yards.
- Articles for the LOG – English Ivy and Downspout redirection articles have been published.

**V. New Business**

Ideas for coming year and Key Contacts

- Follow Up with KIMCO on watershed abatement plans for shopping center re-build – While there has been no recent public action on the renovation of the village center, we need to stay alert to any progress in this area and determine what action may be needed to evaluate their plans for watershed protection during and after the renovation.
- Defining a watershed webpage or focus on HRV website – We need to discuss this when we have other members available. It would be nice to publish our

Approved Minutes for HRWAC Aug 7 2017 Meeting

LOG articles and other pertinent watershed related information on the HRV Facebook page/website.

- Fall Cleanup – The cleanup is scheduled for Saturday morning, Oct 14. This will be a smaller project than the spring cleanup and two scout troops have been contacted by Joan to help with the cleanup.
- Pull and Plant – We will need to discuss when we have other members available.
- Local rain garden tours - We will need to discuss when we have other members available.
- Article for LOG: We discussed what other articles might be appropriate for the HRV LOG. The following topics arose: highlighting the rain garden program and its low cost to homeowners; the ability for the current stewards in HRV to provide free WSA assessments on residents' properties;