

PEARCE CREEK IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
November 17, 2023, 10:00 AM
90B North Center Street
Cecilton, MD 21919

Attendees:

Bay View Estates (BVE) Residents: Dave Heacock

Maryland Environmental Service (MES): Christine Offerman

Maryland Port Administration (MPA): Holly Miller

Town of Cecilton: Mary Cooper, Brandon Jackson

US Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District (CENAP): Michael Hart

Action Items:

- MPA will forward the Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) Annual Meeting invitation to the community leaders for distribution.
- MES will coordinate with CENAP regarding a tour of the Pearce Creek Dredged Material Containment Facility (DMCF) to follow the May 2024 Pearce Creek Implementation Committee (PCIC) meeting.

1.0 Welcome & Introductions

Ms. Offerman, Chair

- Ms. Offerman welcomed the attendees to the meeting, and the attendees introduced themselves.
- Ms. Offerman asked for approval of the May 19, 2023, PCIC meeting summary and received approval from the attendees.

2.0 Philadelphia District Corps (CENAP) Update

Michael Hart, CENAP

Pearce Creek DMCF Operations

- Mr. Hart stated the federal fiscal year 2023 dredging contract was awarded at the end of September, valued at approximately \$12.8 million, for the removal of 500,000 cubic yards (cy) of material from the upper Chesapeake Bay.
 - Additional dredging will take place in the Chesapeake and Delaware (C&D) canal.
 - The dredging has a tentative start date of November 29, 2023.
 - The contract has a four-month material removal plan which should be completed by the end of March 2024.
 - The notice to proceed was issued on Tuesday November 14, 2023.
- Mr. Heacock asked about the capacity of the DMCF.
 - Mr. Hart replied that the DMCF has reached approximately a third of its total capacity.
 - A bulldozer and excavator have been purchased with global positioning system lockouts that will support managing the material and preventing the equipment from hitting the liner.
- Mr. Heacock asked if a tour of the DMCF could be provided.
 - Ms. Offerman stated that a tour can be scheduled in conjunction with the next PCIC meeting.
 - MES will coordinate with CENAP regarding a tour of the Pearce Creek DMCF to follow the May 2024 PCIC meeting.

3.0 MPA Updates

Holly Miller, MPA

Fall 2022 Exterior Monitoring Update

- Ms. Miller stated that exterior monitoring was completed the week of September 18, 2023. The sampling results will be available for MPA internal review by the end of January 2024.
 - This information will be presented at the May 2024 PCIC meeting.
- Ms. Miller reminded the attendees that the PCIC is part of the DMMP and encouraged residents to attend the DMMP Annual Meeting on December 7, 2023. This meeting will be hybrid, with the virtual option by Zoom call and the in-person option at Medstar Harbor Hospital in Baltimore.
 - MPA will forward the DMMP Annual Meeting invitation to the community leaders for distribution.

4.0 Citizen Comments

Community Representatives

Feedback from the Community Members

- Mr. Heacock noted that the sinkhole discussed at the May 2023 PCIC meeting has not opened again, and there are no other current comments, or concerns.
- Mr. Heacock asked if the Pearce Creek DMCF will be mowed this year.
 - Mr. Hart replied that mowing will occur, but it will most likely occur after Thanksgiving.
- The next PCIC meeting will be held **Friday, May 17, 2024, at 10am.**