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Dear Landowner,

I am writing to invite you to a meeting at New Market Elementary School on Thursday, February 23rd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm to hear new Linganore data and help prioritize future restoration projects in the Linganore watershed. The meeting will include at least three elements: First, County watershed management staff and consultants will summarize their recent findings on water quality and stream corridor health in Linganore. Secondly, citizens will help identify locations of problem sites and potential projects. Finally, citizens will be introduced to further opportunities for education, information, and resources for restoration projects such as the Backyard Buffer project and the Bay Wise Yardstick landscape management initiative.

You may also be interested in knowing about three recently funded initiatives in the Linganore watershed: the first, "Holding Our Ground" is an outreach and education initiative that provides information and site visits for selected owners of riparian properties. Information will be offered to interested residents through an E-newsletter, web site and workshops. Site visits will be made to interested landowners of qualifying properties to share analysis of stream corridor, water quality, and possible restoration practices for their properties.

The second initiative called the "Linganore Urban Demonstration Project" provides funding for projects that will reduce phosphorus and sediment in Lake Linganore. More specifically, funding will be used to establish 18 acres of native trees and shrubs along riparian corridors on urban land and construct community restoration projects on an additional 30 acres of urban land. Four community restoration projects are planned, one of which has been constructed, in a related effort called the Libertytown Stewards project funded by the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

You may find more information about the County's watershed management activities and guidance at the County web site <http://www.co.frederick.md.us/NPDES/>. You also may be interested in hearing about efforts of our broad group of partners concerned about watershed health, the Monocacy Catoctin Watershed Alliance at www.watershed-alliance.com

We look forward to seeing you on the 23rd. Please contact me if you have any questions about the meeting at smoore@fredco-md.net or 301 694-1413. If you are unable to make the meeting but would like to receive our Watershed E-newsletter, please email or call Kay Schultz kschultz@fredco-md.net or 301 694-1741.

Sincerely,

Shannon Moore
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