

Highlights from July 23 GAN meeting with County Executive Pittman



Pittman to GAN: More boat ramps coming and better support for HOAs

Boat ramps. In our regular Growth Action Network (GAN) conversation with County Executive Stuart Pittman this week, he told us that the county is working on a plan to identify a boat ramp in South County to replace the ramp that was suddenly closed at Discovery Village on July 1st.

He also said that the county was exploring options for adding more water access – beyond the 3 (now 2) boat ramps that the county owns, and that the county is in conversation with private marina owners about allowing county residents to make use of their ramps.

The Capital Gazette published GAN's op-ed encouraging partnerships with marinas and much greater water access along the County's 530 miles of waterways on Tuesday of this week: <https://www.capitalgazette.com/2025/07/21/an-off-ramp-for-countys-boat-ramp-business-commentary/>

Support for HOA stormwater management.

Mr. Pittman also committed the Bureau of Watershed Protection and Remediation to support HOAs and community associations as they comply with storm water management. He said that "as built" drawings for all stormwater systems are available from DPW. Some have been digitized, but older systems are still being digitized.

Accessing these as-builts can help HOAs understand their stormwater management systems, including ownership. Some legacy systems are owned by the County, and some by HOAs.. As-builts also could be used to double check the DPW calculation of

impervious surface owned by the HOA which is used to determine the stormwater remediation fee charged to each HOA. Finally, some communities with newer systems are eligible for up to a 50% reduction in the stormwater remediation fee. Eric Michaelson and his staff at BWPR are available to help. <https://www.aacounty.org/public-works/bwpr> Look for more on this in an upcoming GAN newsletter.

GAN meets with Mr. Pittman and his senior staff approximately once a quarter in meetings that are open to all GAN members. We always welcome questions and comments from our members for Mr. Pittman and his staff during these meetings.

Next GAN Board meeting August 27. All members are welcome to observe and comment. See calendar for link.

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