



**MCPB 05/14/09 –Item #9D**  
**(Roundtable)**

**Intercounty Connector**  
**Mandatory Referral No. 06809-SHA-1**  
**Status Report #18**

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This memorandum provides an update on notable activities that have occurred since Status Report #17 on January 29, 2009 including:

- Upper Paint Branch Special Protection Area Environmental Review
- Trolley Museum New Buildings Complete
- Property Acquisition for Peach Orchard/Allnutt
- ICC contract position staff change in Parks Department
- Construction Update

**Upper Paint Branch Special Protection Area Environmental Review**

The Design-Builder for Contract B, MD200, expects to submit the full stormwater management and erosion and sediment control plans for the Upper Paint Branch Special Protection Area to SHA and M-NCPPC on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The process for the SPA environmental review will follow the procedure agreed upon through interagency coordination and presented to the Planning Board previously.

No clearing or grading work will be conducted in the SPA until all stormwater management and erosion and sediment control plans have been approved by MDE. The New Hampshire Avenue bridge work segment was separated out from the main portion of the SPA segment by SHA that and was reviewed by the Planning Board in February 2009; sediment control plans for this section have been submitted, but have not yet been approved by MDE.

During the review process M-NCPPC staff will coordinate with DPS and DEP to review the full plans for the SPA. As a result of Planning Board, DPS, and SHA efforts, DPS is also coordinating their review directly with Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). During the review process, as has occurred with the review of the Upper Rock Creek SPA portion of the ICC, staffs from county and state agencies will provide comments to SHA, and receive subsequent submittals from the Design-Builder. Staff expects to hold the public hearing for this SPA review in July 2009. At this public hearing, staff, DPS, and DEP will provide the Planning Board an evaluation of how each of the recommendations endorsed by the Board at the February 19, 2009 public hearing for the New Hampshire Avenue

segment of the SPA has been handled by the project, as well as an evaluation of the plans for the remainder of the SPA.

### **Trolley Museum New Buildings Complete**

Construction of the new National Capital Trolley Museum buildings, the new Visitor Center, Demonstration Barn, and Maintenance Barn are complete and in use. All exhibits have been transferred to the new facilities. The stormwater management construction is complete. The new tracks are still under construction, and have been delayed due to the weather. The tracks are expected to be complete for the grand opening to the public.

There have been several public announcements, including a ceremony to dedicate the clock, and an open house to allow Commission employees a preview of the new facilities. The grand opening of the new museum is June 9th.

### **Property Acquisition Peach Orchard/Allnutt**

The acquisition of the Peach Orchard/Allnutt property from Winchester Homes has been finalized. The subdivision originally contained approximately 142 acres with 131 lots. The development was a cluster development with approximately 79 acres to be dedicated as parkland.

The SHA has resolved all of the acquisition issues with Winchester for the development areas and now owns the lots free and clear of any claims by Winchester. The Department of Parks will shortly be recording the deed conveying the parkland dedication areas to the Commission. Some clearing has occurred in the development and SWM areas of the Winchester property. These disturbed areas are to be restored and the entire property is to be used as a compensatory mitigation project. The project PB-1 in the Upper Paint Branch Special Protection Area will have wetland and stream restoration and reforestation areas. After the restoration is complete the SHA will convey the restored areas to the Commission for use as parkland.

### **ICC Contract Position Staff Change in Parks Department**

Colter Burkes replaced Stephen Reid on February 9th in the contract position as support staff for the ICC project in the Parks Department. Colter has a Master of Science in Forest Biology from University of Georgia with a thesis, and a BS in Forest Management from Mississippi State University.

Colter was recently employed by MD Department of Environment. Before that he worked as Environmental Scientist/Certified Arborist at Loiederman Soltesz Associates Inc.

### **Construction Update**

Contracts A, B and C have all been granted and construction is underway on all three contracts. Some of the more noticeable construction includes:

- The Western Maintenance Facility contract is open and work is to begin soon.
- Redland Road Bridge is complete and traffic will be switched to the new bridge in a few weeks.
- Olde Mill Run deckover excavation has begun.
- Rock Creek signature arch bridge – west abutment is in place, east slope is cleared.
- MD 97 Georgia Avenue has been cleared. The bridge deck is poured for the new bridge.
- Layhill Yard staging area is under construction.
- US 29 interchange SWM trunkline and AutoPark culvert have been installed.

#### **Percent Complete**

Contract A – 41.02%

Contract B – 6.37%

Contract C – 29.31%