

April 9, 2024

Workshop Planning Board Update: on Subgroup focus committees on Agriculture and Septic Systems in the Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay District

Agendas from February 22 – April 4

Lake Auburn Stakeholder' Group Meeting

- Review Council Committee Charge
- See attached meeting notes from previous meetings
- Organize into focus groups
 - o **Focus Group 1**
 - Task 1 - Agriculture, Forestry: Sec 60-952(a) amend the description of permitted/prohibited agricultural uses. Define which agricultural uses are permitted (and by default the non-permitted activities are prohibited) and the scale of the permitted activity with a focus on water quality impacts.
 - Task 2 - Hobby/ Non-hobby Farms: Sec 60-951(b) amend the definition of non-hobby agricultural uses

Draft Language/Work accomplished to date AG Working Group that applies to Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay District:

- 1.) *New definitions of agricultural uses to include crop and livestock farm.*
- 2.) *Limit clearing of trees for new pastureland*
- 3.) *Require pasture buffer to natural resources to include wetlands (NWI), streams (perennial and intermittent).*
- 4.) *Livestock farms prohibited.*
- 5.) *Pesticide prohibited with provisions to address invasive species.*
- 6.) *Forestry practices that adopt the latest forestry state guideline BMPS and allow implementation of additional BMPS as required through inspections.*
- 7.) *Adoption of latest technical design manual volume III under stormwater BMPs for phosphorus.*
- 8.) *Developed a map for guidance of adopted ordinances related to AG uses in the watershed.*
- 9.) *Waste Management plans required for farms in the watershed.*
- 10.) *Animal waste required to be stored on impervious surfaces with cover.*
- 11.) *No spreading of manure.*

○ **Focus Group 2**

- Task 1 - Septic Systems Inspection Program: Sec 60-952(f)(6) consider amending the described inspection method to shift responsibility for the inspection to the land-owner and provide a phased implementation.
- Task 2 - Development/ New Systems in the Watershed: Consider further limits on the number of new subsurface wastewater disposal systems. The current ordinance will limit the construction of new systems (new here having the same meaning as the state plumbing code) to an estimated 38 new systems.

Draft Language/Work accomplished to date Septic System Working Group that applies to Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay District:

- 1.) *Limit setbacks in LDCR from 50' to 25'*
- 2.) *Prohibit ADU's*
- 3.) *Establish a 5-year inspection program that adds language of enforcement by local plumbing inspector based on the septic system map that shows areas and timeframes.*
- 4.) *Adoption of Single-Family Residential LID guidance based on latest technical design manual volume III under stormwater BMPs for phosphorus.*
- 5.) *Added Dwelling Unit definition.*
- 6.) *Define areas on 400' setbacks on septic system map.*
- 7.) *Limit residential dwelling units to 25 units of undeveloped lots over a (5) five-year period not to exceed more than 5 per year.*
- 8.) *Outlined technical guidance on forms to be used in the septic inspections.*
- 9.) *Disturbance on individual lots limited to 15,000 SF*
- 10.) *No more than 7,500 SF of impervious area for new developed lots.*
- 11.) *Buffers required on all new residential lots.*
- 12.) *General housekeeping edits that and clarity but no substantive changes.*