

## **Emmitsburg Town Planner Report for April 2008**

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1. Riparian buffer projects. Worked with Frederick County DPW staff and Potomac Conservancy staff regarding their desire to install a riparian buffer planting on Emmitsburg Elementary School property. Reviewed proposal relative to existing town ordinance. End result was partial planting, of trees only, at this time (partly due to school preference for phased plantings).
2. Riparian buffer ordinance. Upon request of Town Council, provided revisions to §8.12.040 and §8.12.050. Prepared materials for Commissioners' packets and meeting.
3. Thurmont Region Plan –
  - Reviewed economic development issues as they relate to Emmitsburg area land use designations
  - Attended April 14 and April 24 BoCC meetings re plan
4. Met with Becky Wilson of MDNR re reforestation section of codes, amendments needed, plus site visit to Emmitsburg East reforestation project.
5. Discussed Community Park drainage/rill/wetland situation with Becky Wilson, and met with Natural Resources Conservation Service staff to assess and propose solutions.
6. Worked with Frank Henry on code enforcement issues.
7. Worked with Vic Gavin, National Park Service, to get Civil War tablets on South Seton refurbished.
8. Attended Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Urban Stormwater Workshop in Rockville MD on 4.28.08. Pembroke Woods in Emmitsburg was mentioned by one speaker as the first development in Maryland to fully utilize the Low Impact Development Manual techniques.
9. Met with Penn Forestry re Emmitsburg East reforestation site visit.
10. Provided file materials to MD Department of Planning re two past annexations (for files).
11. Received a request for de-annexation for a property east of Rte 15. Followed up with Dave Haller and referred request to John Clapp for review and comment.