Permit extended for WCD plan

Regulations will be decided in six months

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The Watershed Conservation District has been a hot button issue in Charles County for months now, but that doesn’t look to be changing anytime soon.

During their Tuesday meeting, the Charles County Board of Commissioner voted to continue a resolution that would extend transitional provisions that prevent developers from submitting applications for new development in the county before the watershed conservation district’s zoning regulations are set.

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Tokyo students share tradition, lessons with CCPs

Thousands were without electricity due to brush with winter storm Stella

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Opioid crisis persists despite inclusion, treatment and prevention efforts

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Death is no stranger to Eric Fisher.

He had seen it many times.

He himself overdosed more than a dozen times. His best friend died from an overdose.

One, he does an overdose — stranger — was who he was at the time using along with him — to the hospital. About six years ago, Fisher, now 34, made inquiry calls to help people in drug treatment programs in the state, health department, is working to bring families, elimination of first-degree burglary charges. Before being transferred to Jude House to be treated for his addiction in 2016, he couldn’t get into a treatment center.

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Jude House residents who died from overdoses. Stigma and cost are major barriers inhibiting treatment and recovery

Two empty beds sit next to one occupied bed in a double room at Carol Porto Treatment Center in Prince Frederick on March 9. Program Director Jude House residents who died from overdoses.

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The Charles County Public Library “System is on its way to becoming a 21st century library system, but in order to improve its innovative and meaningful community-centered services, the Library administration wants to get feedback from its main consumers — the community.”

In February 2016, Janet Salama, executive director of CCPL, led the six-month planning process for developing a comprehensive three-year strategic plan. The process was guided by a six-person planning team representing the community, each library branch and trustees.

“Libraries always have to transform themselves because things change. Our library system is in the midst of changing. We want to be seen as a 21st century library because we will always have books. We have digital tools and we will be trying to move forward with more innovative programs (having 3D printers, making spaces, and community coronations)”.

On March 27, the feedback from local residents was part of the CCPL strategic plan to focus on in the next 10 years. We are doing targeted focus groups and having stakeholder conversations. We want to give them the programs that they ask for and that the information that they need. A public library is all about its community,”

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North Point softball ready to go

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vote of dissent, to grant a six month extension on the resolution. The commission
Debra Davis (D) was absent from the meeting.

Kaizig-Zeigler, the director of the county’s Department of Planning and Commu-
nications, said the meeting will be able to “define certain types of develop-
ment applications that could be submitted un-
der the resolution. The extension approved on Tuesday would extend that resolution for six months, he said.

According to the original resolution, no county officials may procure or approve new or pending preliminary subdivision plans, any new or pend-
ing site development plans, any new develop-
ment services permit applications or any new or pending applications for rezoning received within the boundaries of the area being proposed for the Watershed Con-
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That resolution was approved in September. Kaizig-Zeigler said, and the county is planning on completing by 2018. That would give the county commission-
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