

FRIENDS OF ROLAND RUN

Lutherville, Maryland 21093

Fall 2018

Come to next meeting on Nov. 14

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 14**, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, 1609 Kurtz Avenue in Lutherville. We will have an update on the restoration efforts on Roland Run. **Rob Prenger**, of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, will discuss tree maintenance, and **Bryan Seipp** will give an update on our National Fish & Wildlife Foundation grant application along with early project ideas. Another topic will be about residents using pervious pavers for driveways as opposed to impervious ones, which do not allow rainwater to pass through.

Stream restoration update

The county's **Department of Environment Protection and Sustainability** hired **Environmental Quality Resources** to build "stone structures and armor" for Roland Run and help reduce erosion. The process started in July with the installation of orange fencing and clearing vegetation so that construction equipment could get to work. Meanwhile, the county Department of Public Works has **relined the sewer** adjacent to the stream, including the main stream from Business Park Drive to the confluence behind 1623 Trebor Court, the tributary along Ridgley MTA's stormwater pond, and a small tributary between Francke and Kurtz avenues. Work began at the right-of-way at Talbot Avenue and is progressing upstream. Work will soon begin behind 1623 Trebor Court and will also proceed upstream to the right-of-way. A third crew will be added in the near future to start work on the MTA stormwater pond tributary. Construction on the main stem and tributaries will end around March 2019, at which time the landscaping will be installed. If you have questions, please call **Eric Duce**, the project manager, at 410-887-2904 or by e-mail at educe@baltimorecountymd.gov. For a Blue Water Baltimore pollution report about Roland Run, go to: <http://www.harboralert.org/stations/25>.

A pilot program to help stop litter

The Baltimore County **Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability** kicked off a pilot **anti-litter program** on October 20 that includes the **Roland Run** area. The program includes anti-litter signage and beautification projects. For details, contact **Haley Amini** at hamini@baltimorecountymd.gov.



A bulldozer clears trees along Roland Run.

Friends of Roland Run taking on the issue of dead and dying trees

The Friends of Roland Run are working with **Blue Water Baltimore**, the **Center for Watershed Protection**, the **Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay**, the state **Department of the Environment** and the **Lutherville Community Association** to improve the water quality and ecosystem health of Roland Run. One of the areas we are addressing is the need to maintain and replace **dead trees** in our community. Healthy trees absorb nutrients, control soil erosion and provide shade that helps reduce the water temperature in Roland Run. A defining feature of our community are the mature, century-old trees that line the streets. Unfortunately, many of these trees are in a state of decline or have died and are in need of replacement. Some also pose a serious public safety problem as old limbs extend over public walkways and streets. For more information, go to <https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/Urban-Community.aspx>. To contact the Friends of Roland Run go to friendsofrolandrun@gmail.com.