

Blue Ridge Storm Water Management Pond Retrofit Progress Report

The Carroll County Bureau of Resource Management and the Town of New Windsor are working together to meet storm water quality requirements established by the Maryland Department of the Environment. The Blue Ridge Manor storm water project is a retrofit of the existing shallow marsh to a dry – sand filter. While the facility is getting larger, it will no longer have a marshy bottom. The bottom will be grass covered and dry when not temporarily holding rain water.

Construction progress is going very well and is anticipated to be complete by March, weather dependent. The excess dirt is being hauled to the former wastewater lagoons. The lagoons will be filled and eventually converted to park and ballfields. There are some locations in the bottom of the pond that intercept bedrock, which requires blasting. Blasting typically occurs once per day around 2:00 PM and is preceded by the sounding of a siren. There are three sirens for each blast. Two sirens before the blast and a third siren while the blast is taking place. Blasting is anticipated to occur on December 28th and December 29th. A blasting schedule for the week of January 1st has not yet been established. That information will be posted as soon as it is available. Additional information regarding how long the blasting will continue will also be posted when it is available