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The DPW&T Newsletter is a quarterly publication. We welcome and encourage your suggestions for future stories. Please contact Paulette Jones at [pljones@co.pg.md.us](mailto:pljones@co.pg.md.us) or call 301-883-5600.

*Department of Public Works and Transportation*

# Newsletter



WINTER 2017

## Director's Message

The Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) began the winter season by hosting a series of Snow Summits throughout the county. You can find the Snow Summit material as well as a the Snow Brochure on our website, [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov).

DPW&T also completed several construction projects, held our annual Open House, and deployed Street Smart teams who distributed information about our Pedestrian Safety and Bicycle Program initiatives. As we move into the spring season, the Department is looking forward to continuing to work on projects and initiatives in the community. We hope to see you in our travels throughout the County. Thank you for your support and assistance in helping us to keep our roadways safe, and our communities clean in Prince George's County.



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### "Safer People, Safer Streets Initiative"



**D**PW&T utilizes TheBus to support the U.S. Department of Transportation's initiative to reduce the growing number of pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and fatalities nationwide. Through billboards, educational pamphlets, and the deployment of Street Smart Teams, DPW&T will continue to provide information to the community to support this initiative. For more information, contact our Office of Transportation at 301-883-5656.

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# Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center



*(Pictured left to right, front row) WMATA board member Malcolm Augustine, Council Member Deni Taveras, DCAO Barry Stanton, CEO WMATA Paul Wiedefeld, MDOT Kevin Reigrut, MTA Administrator Paul Comfort, Montgomery County Councilmember George Levanthal, Maryland State Senator Victor Ramirez, and MTA COS Jim Knighton.*

**On December 22, 2016, the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), with funding support from Prince George's County and other regional stakeholders, opened the \$34.8 million Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center. This new facility, at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and University Boulevard, serves as a centerpiece in the regional bus transit network in the Langley Park area. MTA estimates that more than 50 buses will use the Center and 12,000 people will make bus to bus transfers there each day for travel on The Bus, Metrobus and the University of Maryland shuttle.**

**State and local officials expect this 12-bus bay facility to improve traffic and pedestrian safety by consolidating bus stops in the immediate area into one centralized location. The new Transit Center will provide indoor and covered waiting areas, and public restrooms - for the general public and bus operators. It will also have a ticketing office to allow riders to purchase transit passes and to obtain information about bus routes.**

## The Anacostia Riverwalk Trail



**The Anacostia Riverwalk Trail connection between Prince George's County and DC officially opened in the fall.**

**The connection adds 28 miles to 40 existing miles within Prince George's County and Montgomery County for a total of 68 miles of trails, which represents one of the largest urban trail systems in the nation.**

### **Congratulations!**

**Karyn McAlister, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager for Prince George's County, has been named the 2017 Chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee, National Capital Transportation Planning Board, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.**



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Campaigns

Prince George's County Bicycle and Pedestrian Program continues to conduct educational and outreach efforts in the county through the Street Smart Campaigns, and the Look Up, Look Out campaign.

### Important Dates to Remember — Coming Up

George Washington University Milken Center,  
950 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington,  
DC 20052

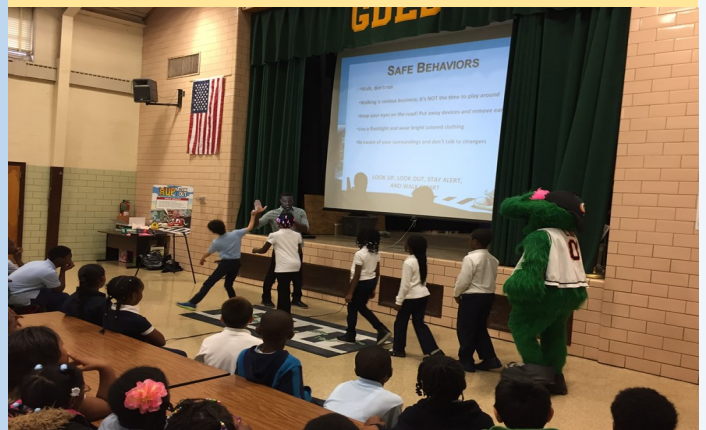
**May 19, 2017** Bike to Work Day



DPW&T Street Team member Marisol Peralta talks to a bicyclist about safety while distributing brochures and safety lights.



Police Chief Hank Stawinski spoke at the fall Street Smart Campaign kickoff held at the United Medical Center, located at Southern Avenue between DC and Prince George's County.



Louie, the Bowie Baysox mascot, promoted the "Look Up, Look Out" campaign at Glenn Dale Elementary School.



## South Springfield Road Project



**South Springfield Road is a rural two-lane collector road in southern Prince George's County that carries traffic between Floral Park Road and Accokeek Road (MD 373) in Brandywine, Maryland. Located over the Burch Branch Tributary was a culvert, a single cell (14'-4" wide x 7'-11" high) corrugated metal pipe arch. The original structure was built in 1962.**

**On August 12, 2014, heavy rainfall flooded South Springfield Road over the culvert. This caused the culvert to collapse and wash away the road, creating an opening of approximately 40-feet wide, 40-feet long and 12-feet deep.**

**The Office of Highway Maintenance closed the road immediately and established a detour route to divert motorists.**





## South Springfield Road Project (continued)

The Office of Engineering & Project Management engaged the services of STANTEC Consulting, Inc. to design the new structure and road. Upon the completion of a preliminary investigation, the consultant developed three alternative design structures (bridge, box culvert and concrete arch structure) for replacing the culvert. DPW&T selected the 70 ft. long twin box precast 10ft. X 8 ft. box culvert option. In October 2016, DPW&T completed the construction and reopened the roadway to traffic.



Restored roadway, box culvert, and concrete arch structure after construction.





## BARC Wetland & Stream Restoration/Mitigation Project



DPW&T Director Darrell B. Mobley participated in the BARC groundbreaking ceremony.

On December 21, 2016, the USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) held its groundbreaking ceremony for the Wetland & Stream Restoration/Mitigation Project. Mr. Darrell Mobley, DPW&T Director, provided remarks and thanked the various public partnerships that made it possible to advance the infrastructure project, and protect and restore hydrologic conditions of the past through advance mitigation.

Green Vest, Green Trust Alliance, Princeton Hydro, Environmental Quality Resources, and USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center all played integral roles in helping this project come to fruition. The lead DPW&T team members for this project included Kate Mazzara, Associate Director of the Office of Engineering and Project Management and Elizabeth Miller, Chief of Engineering Services Division.



Elizabeth Miller, Chief Engineering Services DPW&T (green sweater), and Kate Mazzara, Associate Director of OE&PM DPW&T (black coat), worked on this project and partnership.



Derek Winogradoff from the Prince George's County Department of the Environment is intricately involved in this partnership and project.



## Hispanic Festival



Kristen Franklin of DPW&T (yellow shirt) promoted DPW&T initiatives at the Hispanic Festival.

**In fall 2016, DPW&T participated in the Annual Hispanic Festival held at Lane Manor Park in Adelphi, MD.**

**The festival drew thousands of participants and DPW&T provided information on our Street Smart campaigns, bus schedules, give-a-ways, as well as service guides.**

**DPW&T is looking forward to participating in the 2017 Hispanic Festival.**



Participants mingled at the Hispanic Festival.



Wonderful fare was served at the Festival.



## DPW&T Open House



(First row, left to right) DPW&T Deputy Director Martin Harris, Prince George's County CAO Nicolas Majett, Patricia Valentine of the Neighborhood Design Center, DPW&T Arborist Wayne Lucas, NDC staff, OHM Associate Director Gwendolyn Clerkley, (Second row) Prince George's County DCAO Barry Stanton and DPW&T Director Darrell Mobley.



Ron Weiss, of the Tantallon Citizens Association (at podium), shares a few words after receiving a DPW&T Community Award.

**DPW&T held its 3rd Annual Open House on November 2, 2016. The Department would like to thank Principal Ruth Clowers, and the William Paca Elementary School Choir, for their musical selections and their participation in the Open House. The Prince George's County CAO Nicolas Majett, and the DCAO Barry Stanton, assisted with the presentation of the DPW&T Community Awards. Partnerships for this event included the State Highway Administration—District 3, and the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission. Transforming Neighborhood Initiatives (TNI) Manager, Linda Turner, shared updates about TNI with participants.**



Attendees included (left to right) Liz Miller, Monterz Smith and Linda Turner.



Karyn McAlister, Pedestrian Safety and Bicycle Program Manager (green shirt), shares information with participants.



## DPW&T Open House



More than 100 attendees participated in the Open House.

The Department presented DPW&T Community Awards for outstanding service to Wayne Lucas, DPW&T Arborist; Earle Gumbs from the Hillcrest Heights Civic Association; Novella Jackson from the Ashford Community; Karen Anderson from the Suitland Civic Association and Julia Baltimore from the Concerned Citizens Association of Lynnalán Acres. Prince George's County CAO Nicolas Majett, Prince George's County DCAO Barry Stanton, DPW&T Director Darrell Mobley and DPW&T Deputy Director Martin Harris presented the awards to the community leaders.

To be placed on the Community Partners list or the DPW&T mailing list, send an email to [pljones@co.pg.md.us](mailto:pljones@co.pg.md.us) or contact Paulette Jones at (301)883-5600.

We appreciate your support and your partnership.



DPW&T Arborist Wayne Lucas (center) holding the Gold Leaf Award received by DPW&T.



Julia Baltimore (center), of the Concerned Citizens Association of Lynnalán Acres, received the DPW&T Community Award.



Earle Gumbs (center), of the Hillcrest Heights Civic Association, received the DPW&T Community Award.



Novella Jackson (center), of the Ashford Community, received the DPW&T Community Award.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER FOR CLEAN UP/GREEN UP

**Saturday, April 29, 2017**

*(Rain or Shine)*

For additional information, please contact

**Regina Ford at (301) 499-8523**  
**RBFord1@co.pg.md.us**

To register, visit

**[www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1002/Public-Works-Transportation](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1002/Public-Works-Transportation) and click on 'Clean Up, Green Up'**

**The registration deadline is Monday, April 24, 2017**

**Supplies and mulch will be available for pick up at the DPW&T Office of Highway Maintenance Facility (8400 D'Arcy Road, Forestville, MD 20747) on the following dates:**

**Wednesday, April 26, 2017: 5pm-8pm**

**Thursday, April 27, 2017: 8am-5pm**

**Friday, April 28, 2017: 8am-5pm**

**Please note that mulch or supplies will not be delivered**





# NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



**Andrea Lasker**

Andrea Lasker joined DPW&T on January 23, 2017 as the Special Assistant for Policy and Program Development in the Office of the Director. Prior to joining DPW&T, Andrea worked at the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene promoting environmental health messages and regulatory-enforcement programs. Andrea's background is in assessing how neighborhood conditions interact to impact a community. She holds a Bachelor's degree in English and a Master's in Environmental Policy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In Andrea's personal time, she enjoys going on biking adventures with her family. Welcome, Andrea!



**Jennifer Bratton**

Jennifer Bratton joined DPW&T on December 26, 2016 as a Realty Specialist IV in the Office of Engineering and Project Management. She was promotionally transferred from the Office of Central Services, where she worked for the County for 11 years serving as a Realty Specialist II and an Administrative Aide. Jennifer holds an Associate's degree in Nursing/Sociology and Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Maryland University College, College Park Campus. In her leisure time, Jennifer runs a Pop-Up Women's Boutique. She is a native Washingtonian and avid Redskins fan. Welcome, Jennifer!



**Marcedis Logan**

Marcedis Logan joined DPW&T on December 27, 2016 as a Personnel Analyst I/II in the Office of Administrative Services. Marcedis holds a Bachelor's degree in Communications and Business from Alabama A&M University, and a Master's in Human Resources Management from Troy University in Alabama. She has more than 12 years of HR experience. Prior to starting with the County, Marcedis worked at the US Department of Agriculture recruiting and deploying Agricultural Advisors to Afghanistan and Iraq. During her career, she has lived by one rule: "Treat others as you want to be treated." In her leisure time, she enjoys watching Food Network shows, and is a die-hard Cowboys fan. Welcome, Marcedis!



**Mary Abe**

Mary Abe joined DPW&T on December 12, 2016 as an Engineer IV in the Office of Engineering & Project Management. Mary holds a Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture, with a Minor in Horticulture, from Virginia Tech, and is a proud Hokie alumna! Mary has more than 27 years of experience as a landscape architect. In a previous leadership position at the Anacostia Watershed Society, she worked in close collaboration with OEPM/OHM staff to successfully install Prince George's County's first RSC -- an ecologically sensitive solution to repairing failing outfalls, which creates habitat and cleans the water. In her down time, she mothers four cats and is a life-long Redskins fan. Welcome, Mary!



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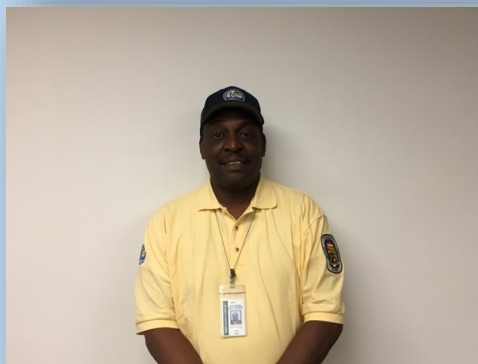
**Kevin Clinkscales**

Kevin Clinkscales joined DPW&T on December 12, 2016 as an Equipment Operator I, *bus driver*, in the Office of Transportation. He is a graduate of Central High School in Capitol Heights, Maryland. After high school, he received certification in Defensive Driving from the Fairfax County Police Academy. Welcome, Kevin!



**Paxton Bowden**

Paxton Bowden joined DPW&T on November 28, 2016 as a Transit Service Coordinator in the Office of Transportation. Prior to joining DPW&T, he served as a dispatch supervisor for MV Transportation and Transportation Supervisor for MTA in Baltimore, MD. Paxton studied Criminal Justice at Bowie State University in Bowie, MD. Welcome, Paxton!



**Anthony Johnson**

Anthony Johnson joined DPW&T on November 28, 2016 as an Equipment Operator I, *bus driver*, in the Office of Transportation. Prior to joining DPW&T, Anthony retired from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority with more than 30 years of service. He is a graduate of Anacostia Senior High School in Washington, DC. Welcome, Anthony!



**Joe Houston**

Joe Houston joined DPW&T on November 28, 2016 as an Equipment Operator I, *bus driver*, in the Office of Transportation. Before joining DPW&T, he was a driver for Big Bus Sight- Seeing Tours in Washington, DC. Joe is a graduate of Ballou High School in Washington, D.C. Welcome, Joe!



## EMPLOYEE NEWS

## NEW EMPLOYEES

Renata Spruill

Renata Spruill joined DPW&T on November 14, 2016 as an *Equipment Operator I, bus driver*, in the Office of Transportation. Prior to joining DPW&T, she was a driver for Transdev. Renata attended Coastal Carolina Community College in Jacksonville, North Carolina. In her free time, she loves to create special dishes for her family — specifically her granddaughters. Welcome, Renata!

Courtney Jones

Courtney Jones joined DPW&T on November 14, 2016 as an *Equipment Operator I, bus driver*, in the Office of Transportation. She graduated from Surrattsville High School in Clinton, MD. Welcome, Courtney!

Melvin Sherbert

Melvin Sherbert joined DPW&T on November 14, 2016 as an *Equipment Operator I, bus driver*, in the Office of Transportation. Mr. Sherbert is a seasoned driver, formerly working with Transdev. He is a graduate of Calvert Senior High School in Prince Frederick, MD. Welcome, Melvin!

Tyrone Searles

Tyrone Searles joined DPW&T on October 17, 2016 as a *Laborer I/II* in the Office of Highway Maintenance. He previously served as a Seasonal/Temporary Laborer during the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 snow seasons. He is a graduate of Coolidge High School in Washington, DC. Welcome, Tyrone!

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## EMPLOYEE NEWS

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Carl Starkey

Carl Starkey joined DPW&T on October 3, 2016 as an *Engineer IV* in the Office of Engineering and Project Management. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland at College Park. Carl spent the first 30 years of his career as a private consultant with Street Traffic Studies, Ltd. He is a licensed professional engineer, a fellow with the Institute of Transportation Engineers, and a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers. In his leisure time, Carl enjoys watching action and drama films. Welcome, Carl!

Adrian Dantzler

Adrian Dantzler joined DPW&T on September 19, 2016 as a *LTGF Engineering Technician* in the Office of Transportation. Prior to this role, he worked as a Seasonal/Temporary General Clerk with the Call-A-Bus program and was a former Youth@Work/SYEP student employee in the Office of Highway Maintenance. He has a Bachelor's degree in Communications from Norwich University, and currently coaches high school football at his alma mater Charles Herbert Flowers High School in Springdale, MD. Teaching and coaching students at the high school level is his passion. Welcome, Adrian!

Michael Allen

Michael Allen joined DPW&T on September 19, 2016 as a *Laborer I/II* in the Office of Highway Maintenance. He previously served as a Seasonal/Temporary Laborer during the 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 snow seasons. He is a graduate of Maurice J. McDonough High School in Pomfret, MD and attended Bowie State University in Bowie, MD. Welcome, Michael!

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## Everett Jones

Everett Jones joined DPW&T on September 6, 2016 as a *Laborer I/II* in the Office of Highway Maintenance. He graduated from Croom Vocational High School in Upper Marlboro, MD. Welcome, Everett!



## Stephon Thompson

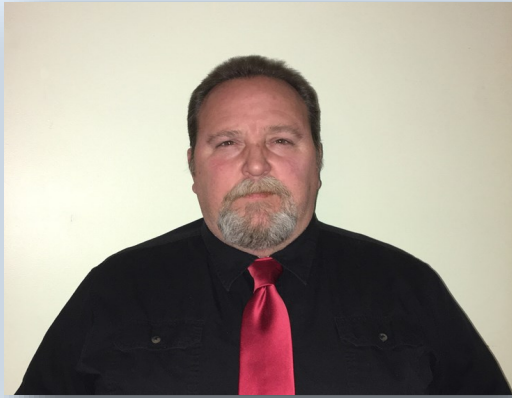
Stephon Thompson joined DPW&T on August 22, 2016 as a *Laborer I/II* in the Office of Highway Maintenance. He previously served as a Seasonal/Temporary Laborer during the 2015-2016 snow season. He is a graduate of Henry E. Lackey High School in Indian Head, MD. Welcome, Stephon!



## Girard Green

Girard Green joined DPW&T on September 6, 2016 as a *Laborer I/II* in the Office of Highway Maintenance. He previously served as a Seasonal/Temporary Laborer during the 2014-2015 snow season. Girard is a native Washingtonian. He attended Dix Street Academy High School in Washington, D.C. Welcome, Girard!

# EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS



**David Howard**

David Howard was promoted to a *Construction Standards Inspector IV* in the Office of Highway Maintenance on August 8, 2016. David began his career with DPW&T as a Laborer I/II from 1984-1989 and received subsequent promotions in 1989 to an Equipment Operator I with the Office of Highway Maintenance, Storm Drain Maintenance Division, in 1998 to an Equipment Operator II and then in 1999 he earned his promotion to Construction Standards Inspector II where he diligently served the Department performing site inspections, reporting and project management duties. He is a graduate of Croom Vocational High School in Upper Marlboro, MD. Congratulations, David!



**Thomasine Johnson**

Thomasine Johnson was promoted to an *Administrative Aide III* in the Office of Transportation on October 17, 2016. Ms. Johnson has been an employee of DPW&T since April 2006. She previously worked in the Office of Highway Maintenance. She is a graduate of Largo Senior High School in Upper Marlboro, Maryland and is currently attending the University of Phoenix pursuing a degree in Business Management. Congratulations, Thomasine!

# Congratulations!



# EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS

## Paulette Jones



Paulette Jones was promoted to an *Administrative Specialist I, Public Information Officer* in the Office of the Director on September 6, 2016. Ms. Jones has been employed with DPW&T since December 30, 2013 as an Administrative Assistant III working in the capacity of the Office Manager, Public Information Officer, and Community Liaison. Ms. Jones has an Associate's Degree in Fashion Design from Baltimore City Community College. She is also a graduate of the University of Baltimore where she earned two degrees — a Bachelor's in Interdisciplinary Studies and a Master's in Legal and Ethical Studies. Prior to joining the Office of the Director, Ms. Jones was a Program Manager at the Maryland Transportation Authority, Special Assistant at the State Highway Administration and the Political Director for Congressman Elijah Cummings. Paulette is a life-long Redskins fan. Congratulations, Paulette!

## Donna Marks



Donna Marks was promoted to a *Budget Management Analyst V* in the Office of Administrative Services, Financial Services Division on December 26, 2016. Donna started her career with the County as an Administrative Aide within the Procurement Division for the Office of Central Services. Within her first year with County Government, she transferred to the Department of Public Works and Transportation, Division of Transit. While most of her tenure has been with DPW&T, she spent four years with the Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department, working with Emergency Management and completed the Emergency Management training series through various certified training classes including the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. In February 2017, Donna celebrated 30 years of service with Prince George's County. When Donna isn't crunching numbers, she loves sports — specifically baseball — and is a die-hard Washington Nationals fan. Congratulations, Donna!

# Congratulations!

# EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS

## Mary McClean



Mary McClean was promoted to *Administrative Aide IV*, in the Office of Administrative Services on September 6, 2016. Mary is the Executive Assistant to the Director of DPW&T. Mary joined DPW&T in February 2007 as an Administrative Aide II in the Office of Project Management. In March 2012, she was promoted to *Administrative Aide III* in the Office of the Director. She is a graduate of LaPlata High School in LaPlata, MD. Congratulations, Mary!

## Elmer Rovira



Elmer Rovira was promoted to a *Masonry Mechanic I/II* in the Office of Highway Maintenance on August 8, 2016. Elmer began his career with DPW&T in April 2008 as a Trades Helper I/II. Prior to joining the Department, Elmer served as a Traffic Control Manager, Laborer, and Driver for Rustler Construction, Inc. in Lanham, MD. He is a graduate of the Instituto Nacional De Uluzapa in San Miguel, El Salvador. Congratulations, Elmer!

# Congratulations!



# EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS



## Samantha Vannaseng

Samantha Vannaseng was promoted to an *Administrative Aide I/II* in the Office of Engineering and Project Management on December 27, 2016. Samantha started her career with DPW&T in 2008, with the Call-A-Bus program, as a LTGF Administrative Aide. In October 2010, she became a LTGF Engineering Tech I, and was hired permanently as a General Clerk IV in the Office of Highway Maintenance in 2012. In her spare time, she enjoys family time, eating, shopping, watching cooking channels and creating new dishes. Congratulations, Samantha!



## Neal Wrabley

Neal Wrabley was promoted to a *Fleet Maintenance Manager* in the Office of Highway Maintenance on August 8, 2016. Neal started his career with DPW&T in 2001 as a Chief Crew Supervisor with the Office of Highway Maintenance. Prior to joining DPW&T, he served as a Site Development Inspector II with the Department of Environment, formerly known as the Department of Environmental Resources. Neal is a graduate of Chopticon High School in Morganza, MD. He also completed collegiate studies in Biology at Salisbury State College and General Education at the College of Southern Maryland. Congratulations, Neal!

# Congratulations!



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