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Press Release

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Water Conservation High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program

As a component of the water conservation program, the City has developed a High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program to replace toilets which are inefficient water users. Older toilets consume 3.5 to 7 gallons per flush, while the new water efficient units consume 1.6 gallons per flush or even less, depending on the manufacturer. Ordinance 806 provided the authority for this program, which was approved by the Mayor and Common Council on July 27, 2009.

The program will begin on August 17, 2009, and will be on a first come, first served basis. It will continue until the \$10,000 Water Conservation Fund is exhausted. The rebate will be subject to pre-approval in the form of an appropriate inspection to certify that the toilet to be replaced uses more than 3.5 gallons per flush. All users of the Westminster system with inefficient, tank type units are encouraged to participate. The rebate amount is intended to offset the cost to purchase and install high-efficiency

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units to conserve water, which relates to a dollar savings for the end user. The rebate amount of \$200 per unit will be available for qualified users of the Westminster system and will be limited to one per household.

When the installation is completed, a post inspection will be conducted and the old toilet will be removed by the City. The City will then mail the \$200 to the resident's home within 2-4 weeks.

For more information and to keep up to date on project through the City's website Westminstermd.gov and Carroll Media Center channel. In the meantime, consider researching "Water Sense" high efficiency toilets for ratings and characteristics that most appeal to you. Research materials and a list of "Water Sense" units can be found at http://epa.gov/watersense/app/find_het.htm.

To enroll in the Program and set up a pre-inspection, contact the Water Treatment Plant at 410-848-7040 **no earlier** than August 17, 2009.

For specific information regarding the Program, please call Jeff Glass at 410-848-9000.

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