

Agenda
CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION
Strasburg, Pennsylvania
September 7-8, 2006

Thursday, September 7

FIELD TRIP: IMPLEMENTATION OF TRIBUTARY STRATEGIES
- Role of federal, state, and private partnerships

1:00 P.M. **BOARD BUS**

1:30 P.M. **PARTNERSHIPS TO PROMOTE INNOVATION**
Luke Brubaker Farm, Mount Joy

Kevin Schmidt
American Farmland Trust

Jedd Moncavage
TeamAg, Inc.

Enhanced Nutrient Management was highlighted as one of the six most cost-effective practices for nutrient reduction in the CBC's 2004 report *Cost-Effective Strategies for the Bay*. Through a partnership between two private companies, Agflex and TeamAg; a non-profit, American Farmland Trust; a federal USDA Conservation Innovation Grant; and funding from the Pennsylvania State Conservation and Chesapeake Bay Commissions, a pilot project was initiated in two Pennsylvania counties. Representatives from the partners will describe the project and its expansion to other areas within the watershed. Discussion will focus on how state and private dollars can be leveraged through federal Farm Bill programs to implement new, innovative, and cost-effective practices.

2:00 P.M. **EXPANDING AND ACCELERATING IMPLEMENTATION**
Luke Brubaker Farm, Mount Joy

Agricultural Implementation Through Partnerships

Craig Derickson
Pennsylvania State Conservationist
USDA-NRCS

Karl Brown
Executive Director
Pennsylvania State Conservation Commission

Jedd Moncavage
TeamAg, Inc.

A panel representing federal, state, and private technical assistance providers will participate in a discussion of resources necessary to implement agriculture's tributary strategy goals, especially regarding the issue of excess manure.

3:00 P.M. **Adding Trading To The Mix**

DEP representative will complete the overview of Pennsylvania's nutrient trading program in continuation of May meeting topic.

3:30 P.M. **Implementation At The Community Level**

Terry Kauffman
Manager
Mount Joy Borough

Will describe the implementation of Pennsylvania's Tributary Strategy in his community, including trading with the agricultural community, management of stormwater, and upgrades to the sewage treatment facility.

Friday, September 8

MEETING LOCATION:

Ballroom A & B
Netherlands Inn & Spa

9:15 A.M. **CALL TO ORDER**
ROLL CALL
ADOPTION OF MINUTES
ADOPTION/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

9:20 A.M. **CHAIRMAN'S UPDATES**

Chesapeake Executive Council Meeting
CBC BioFuels Project: Overview of Scope of Work and Discussion among Members
2005 Blue Crab Report
Revised Budget/Appropriation Requests

10:00 A.M. **REDUCING POLLUTION: THE ROLE OF AIR DEPOSITION**

Introduction to the Issue: Key Facts to Guide the Discussion
Pat Stuntz, Assistant Director

10:10 A.M. **ATMOSPHERIC SOURCES OF NITROGEN TO THE BAY WATERSHED**

A review of recent findings suggesting atmospheric deposition of nitrogen may be a far greater contributor of nitrogen to Chesapeake Bay than previously estimated.

Dr. Robert Howarth
Cornell University

10:45 A.M. **ESTIMATING CURRENT AND FUTURE IMPACTS OF AIR EMISSIONS**

A summary of the tools that are used by the states and the Chesapeake Bay Program to estimate the contributions from electric utilities, mobile sources, agriculture and the role of urban growth.

Jeff Sweeney
University of Maryland
Chesapeake Bay Program

11:05 A.M. **FORESTS AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL**

A look at the work of forests in sequestering carbon and assimilating air pollution.

Richard Birdsey
U.S. Forest Service

11:25 A.M. **STATE OF THE CHESAPEAKE FORESTS REPORT: STRATEGIES FOR
RETAINING AND PROTECTING THE WATERSHED'S FORESTS**

Key findings of the U.S. Forest Service report scheduled for release at the Executive Council meeting that addresses the role of forests in mitigating air pollution and protecting water quality. Specific state policies and actions to improve conservation and stewardship of the Chesapeake's forests will be reviewed.

Eric Sprague
The Conservation Fund

11:45 A.M. **FINAL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

12:00 P.M. **ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Commission
will be held at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront
on November 9-10, 2006