



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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Agenda Frostburg, MD May 2-3, 2024

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Thursday Meeting Location:

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) Appalachian Laboratory
301 Braddock Road
Frostburg, MD 21532

Attire: Field Trip Casual, including long pants and sturdy, closed-toe shoes.

1:15 P.M. CALL TO ORDER
Room 109
UMCES Appalachian Lab

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS
ROLL CALL
ADOPTION OF MINUTES
ADOPTION OF AGENDA
JANUARY MEETING FOLLOW-UP

1:30 P.M. BEYOND 2025
The Steering Committee charged with charting a path forward for the Partnership beyond 2025 will release a draft product to the public at the end of this month. What are some of the overarching themes that this product will propose? What might be the stickiest recommendations for the Partnership to navigate? What policies might the Commission consider in response?

Anna Killius
Executive Director, Chesapeake Bay Commission

2:15 P.M. CHESAPEAKE BAY TMDL INDICATOR
In February, the Chesapeake Bay Program debuted a new indicator that demonstrates progress toward meeting the clean water goals of the Watershed Agreement. The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load indicator uses both monitored and

modeled data to estimate nitrogen and phosphorus pollution reductions in response to implemented best management practices. What does this new indicator reveal about gaps in planning, implementation, and response?

Gary Shenk
Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey

3:00 P.M. BREAK & TRANSITION TO FIELD EXPERIENCE
30-minute drive to Rocky Gap State Park Campgrounds (17600 Campers Hill Road, Flintstone, MD 21530)

3:30 P.M. MARYLAND DNR STREAM EXPERIENCE AT ROCKY GAP STATE PARK
At Rocky Gap Run, Members will conduct stream health monitoring and electrofishing on a tributary of Lake Habeeb, known for the “bluest water in the state.” Members will also have the opportunity to visit the Rocky Gap Aviary to learn about the environmental education experiences offered in partnership with area schools.

Scott Stranko
Monitoring and Nontidal Assessment Division, MD DNR

Sarah Milbourne
Rocky Gap State Park Manager

5:00 P.M. ADJOURN

Friday, May 3, 2024

Rocky Gap Resort
16701 Lakeview Road, NE
Flintstone, MD 21530

Attire: Business Casual

9:15 A.M. WELCOME
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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

9:20 A.M. CBC ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- Approval of CBC 2025 Meeting Dates
- Approval of CBC FY 2025 Budget

9:30 A.M. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LIGHTNING ROUND UPDATES

- Federal Budget Updates
 - Federal Legislative Updates
 - EPA/USDA Crediting Taskforce
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9:45 A.M. DELEGATION CHAIR REPORTS

Maryland and Virginia have concluded their 2024 General Assembly regular sessions, while Pennsylvania remains in session. What legislative advances in Bay Restoration have occurred? What opportunities remain?

Delegate David Bulova, Virginia Delegation Chair
Delegate Dana Stein, Maryland Delegation Chair
Senator Gene Yaw, Pennsylvania Delegation Chair

10:15 A.M. ADVANCING ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY

The Watershed Agreement challenges the Chesapeake Bay Program partners to empower K-12 students in the region with the knowledge and skills needed to act responsibly to protect and restore their local watersheds. Are we rising to this challenge? How are we measuring our success? How can we advance our collective efforts?

Shannon Sprague
Acting Deputy Director, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office

Christopher Kopco
STEM & Environmental Literacy Coordinator
Washington County Public Schools

11:00 A.M. BREAK

11:15 A.M. OUTDOOR RECREATION

High-quality and accessible outdoor recreation opportunities support regional economies, a thriving tourism industry, local small businesses, and a passion for the long-term conservation of our natural resources for generations to come. How are states, localities, and local businesses partnering on these opportunities in rural watershed communities? What resources are needed to prime these efforts and what is the rate of return for our watershed and its people?

Sandi Olek
Director, Maryland Office of Outdoor Recreation

Ashli Workman
Director of Tourism, Allegany County, MD

Mandela Echefu
Owner, Wheelzup Adventures

**12:00 P.M. INTERIM ACTIONS
NEW BUSINESS
PUBLIC COMMENT**

12:15 P.M. ADJOURN

*The next meeting of the full Chesapeake Bay Commission
will be held in Norfolk, VA on September 5-6, 2024.*