



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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Maryland Delegation Retreat September 15-16, 2025

As space is limited, only Members of the Commission's Maryland Delegation are permitted to join Monday's field experiences. Members of the public interested in attending Tuesday's meeting should contact jdieux@chesbay.us for location information.

Monday, September 15

Attire: casual; sturdy footwear recommended

1:30 p.m. Tour stream restoration project at Bar-T Mountainside

Through grants from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund and Frederick County, the Center for Watershed Protection managed a three-year, \$1.3 million restoration project at Bar-T Mountainside. Situated on 115-acres of farmland in Urbana, Maryland, Bar-T is an outdoor, year-round camp and afterschool programming site focused on environmental education. Historical agricultural activities at the property and an upstream golf course contributed to extensive erosion of the North Branch of Little Bennett Creek and disconnected the stream from its floodplain. We will tour the completed project, which restored over 2/3 of a mile of stream and created nearly 1.5 acres of wetlands, generating substantial improvements to water quality and ecological uplift, while creating a valuable education resource for Bar-T.

2:30 p.m. Travel to the Terrace

3:15 p.m. Tour site of future stream restoration at the Terrace

Hamilton Run flows through The Terrace neighborhood in Hagerstown. Severe erosion has destabilized the stream banks and intense storms cause flooding on nearby Northern Avenue, making the road impassable. Hamilton Run is part of the Antietam Creek watershed, one of the five watersheds selected for Whole Watershed Act grant funding. As part of their comprehensive restoration of Antietam Creek, grantee Catoctin Land Trust will lead a \$2.5 million restoration at the site to create wetlands and mitigate flooding.

4:15 p.m. Travel to Savage River Highlands State Park

6:00 p.m. Arrive at Savage River Highlands State Park

The Department of Natural Resources acquired the Savage River Lodge in 2024 to expand the state's offerings of overnight accommodations in Western Maryland.

Tuesday, September 16

Savage River Lodge

Attire: casual

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 9:10 a.m. Updates from the Maryland Department of the Environment**
- 10:15 a.m. Break**
- 10:30 a.m. Updates from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources**
- 11:30 a.m. Discussion: Maryland Delegation's Legislative Priorities for 2026**
- 12:00 p.m. Public Comment**
- 12:15 p.m. Adjourn**

Next Meeting: Full Commission, November 13-14, 2025, in Stratford, VA