



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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Agenda Lancaster, PA May 5-6, 2022

Thursday, May 5, 2022

HOTEL & MEETING LOCATION:

Cork Factory Hotel

480 New Holland Avenue, #3000
Lancaster, PA 17602

Attire: Field Trip Casual (boots encouraged)

10:30 A.M. BOARD BUS FOR FIELD TRIP (BUS FOR MEMBERS ONLY)

Field trip attire. Wear sturdy shoes.

Out of respect for Plain Sect, we ask that no cameras be used.

11:15 A.M. ORIENTATION & WELCOME

Susquehannock State Park

AN EXTRAORDINARY VIEW

Our tour begins at the Hawk Point Overlook, providing a panoramic view of the Lower Susquehanna River and the 9,000-acre Conowingo Reservoir.

Mark Platts

President

Susquehanna National Heritage Area

[12:15 P.M.] FARM TOUR ORIENTATION: ONE CREEK AT A TIME

The Opportunities and Challenges of a Geographically Focused Approach

The Lower Susquehanna is the most intensively farmed region of the watershed contributing the highest nutrient and sediment loads to the Bay, including one-quarter of Pennsylvania's total load. It is the most effective place to install BMPs.

Funding programs have operated on a “first-come, first-serve” model. A more strategic approach can accelerate progress, but outreach and technical assistance support is needed to engage landowners who aren’t already stepping forward. In Lancaster County, there have been several efforts to apply a small watershed approach. Our field tour will feature two projects:

1. Fishing Creek: Going for 100% Livestock Stream Exclusion

Karl Brown, Executive Secretary
State Conservation Commission (PA)

2. Pequea Creek: Getting Off the Impaired Waters List

Allyson Gibson, Director of Strategic Partnerships & Programs
Lancaster Clean Water Partners

12:45 P.M. TRAVEL TO JACOB YODER FARM

1:00 P.M. PART 1: FISHING CREEK

In a watershed of 3 sq. miles and 32 farms, a partnership of 14 organizations installed 4 miles of livestock stream exclusion, and every farm now has a required conservation plan. The multi-year NFWF grant has expired. New resources are needed to ensure to 100% implementation.

Stop 1: Jacob Yoder Farm (stay in vehicle)

Practices to keep clean water clean and dirty water contained have been installed around the buildings and barnyards. More is needed where animals congregate to reduce erosion and maintain vegetative cover.

Stop 2: Benuel Beiler Farm

This farm has excluded cattle from the stream and the farmer has reported positive results, piquing the interest of farm neighbors. Now, the challenge is to find new grazing areas to make up for the acres lost to exclusion.

2:15 P.M. TRAVEL TO KING FARM

3:00 P.M. PART 2: DE-LISTING PEQUEA CREEK

Partners are using new modeling and monitoring tools to identify which local stream segments can improve quickly with BMP implementation. Rapid progress demonstrates the benefits and promotes further action.

Stop: King Farm

Friday, May 6, 2022

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Attire: Business

8:15 A.M. WELCOME & NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

The Warehouse at Hotel (Building 6, First Floor)

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

ADOPTION/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

8:25 A.M. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LIGHTNING ROUND UPDATES

- Corrections to CAST Modeling Tool
 - Blue Crab Workshop
 - January Action Items
 - State Capitol Focus of 2023 Meetings
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8:40 A.M. CBC ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Adoption of CBC 2023 Meeting Dates

Adoption of CBC FY 2023 Budget

8:50 A.M. PRESS EVENT SET UP

9:00 A.M. NEW USDA CHESAPEAKE BAY INITIATIVES

Agriculture is expected to achieve 80 percent of the remaining nutrient and sediment reductions that will deliver clean water. Speakers will explore new Congressional and Administrative efforts to help.

The Hon. Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senate

The Hon. Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senate

The Hon. Robert Bonnie
Under Secretary, Farm Production & Conservation
United States Department of Agriculture

Alison Prost
Vice President for Environmental Protection & Restoration
Chesapeake Bay Foundation

[9:45 A.M.] Discussion followed by press Q&A.

10:00 A.M. BREAK

10:15 A.M. 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS

What legislation passed or is under consideration that will further the watershed restoration?

Pennsylvania: Representative Keith Gillespie, CBC Vice-Chair

Virginia: Senator Lynwood Lewis, CBC Vice-Chair

Maryland: Senator Sarah Elfreth, CBC Chair

CBC Discussion

**10:45 A.M. SHARPENING OUR FOCUS
INSTALLMENT I: AGRICULTURE**

As we near the 2025 TMDL deadline, every action counts, but some count more than others. Over the next four meetings, we will explore the ever-improving data and technology tools available in the watershed, and their potential to maximize the impact of public dollars and partner effort. This first installment is dedicated to agricultural implementation.

**“Most Effective Basins”:
What are they, and how are they influencing our current funding programs?**

Ann Swanson

**The Next Level:
How can we leverage nutrient and sediment practices to achieve other priorities?**

Scott Phillips, Chesapeake Bay Coordinator
USGS

Joel Dunn, President & CEO
Chesapeake Conservancy

[11:45 A.M.] Commission Discussion

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

12:15 P.M. ADJOURN

*The next meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Commission
will be held at the Boar's Head Resort in Charlottesville, VA
on September 8-9, 2022*