



# CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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## Agenda Gettysburg, PA September 12-13, 2019

Thursday, September 12, 2019

**Gettysburg Heritage Center**  
297 Steinwehr Avenue  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

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**1:15 P.M. WELCOME**

Tim Shields  
Founder, Gettysburg Nature Alliance

**1:30 P.M. ROLL CALL  
ADOPTION OF MINUTES  
ADOPTION/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA  
ADOPTION OF 2020 QUARTERLY MEETING STATE LOCATIONS & DATES  
WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER**

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**1:45 P.M. A COMPARISON OF STATE LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES**

*The three-member states of the Chesapeake Bay Commission have notably different legislative systems, with origins going back to the founding of the colonies. What are the fundamental differences and what are the implications for modern-day action? This session is intended to be highly interactive with all members offering their insights.*

Molly Brown, Senior Attorney  
Director of Community Legal Education  
Chesapeake Legal Alliance

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**3:00 P.M. BREAK**

**3:15 P.M.      AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTATION: PARTNER PERSPECTIVES**

*With WIP III development behind us, we now must shift to implementation. Agriculture is expected to achieve about 73 percent of the nitrogen and 63 percent of the phosphorus reductions moving forward. What can restoration partners do to ensure success? What policy changes are needed to accomplish this?*

Facilitated by Senator Thomas “Mac” Middleton, MD Citizen Representative

Matt Ehrhart, Director of Watershed Restoration  
Stroud Water Research Center  
Chair, Chesapeake Bay Program, Citizens Advisory Committee

Darryl Glover, Director  
Division of Soil & Water Conservation, VA DCR

Dave Graybill, Red Sunset Farm  
Mifflintown, PA

Jeff Horstman, Executive Director  
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**4:30 P.M.      ADJOURN & RETURN TO HOTEL**

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**Friday, September 13, 2019**

**Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center**  
1195 Baltimore Pike  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Attire: Business Casual

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**8:30 A.M.      WELCOME  
ROLL CALL**  
Ford Education Room - North

*A crown jewel of the National Park system, Gettysburg National Military Park (NMP) and nearby Eisenhower National Historic Site host approximately one million visitors annually and generate \$87 million in local economic benefit. The Museum and Visitor Center is a unique public-private partnership between the NPS and the non-profit Gettysburg Foundation, dedicated to preservation and education.*

Tom Forsyth  
Deputy Superintendent, Gettysburg NMP

**8:50 A.M. CHAIRMAN'S LIGHTNING ROUND UPDATES**

- September 5 Executive Council meeting
  - Federal Updates
  - Conowingo WIP
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**9:15 A.M. NRCS: THE BACKBONE OF AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION**

- Practice Standards
- Conservation Planning
- Financial Assistance
- Technical Assistance

*For more than eight decades, NRCS has provided one-on-one, science-based advice to farmers and forest landowners to make conservation work for them. As the Farm Bill evolved over the 1990s and early 2000s to make conservation a higher priority, NRCS has also become the largest single source of non-point source funding for Chesapeake Bay restoration.*

Matthew Lohr, Chief  
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

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**10:15 A.M. COMMISSION BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION**

*What can the Commission do to promote actions that sustain our regional partnerships?*

*How can the Commission best promote the achievement of the Phase III WIPs by 2025 and better accomplish its strategic plan?*

*Next year the Chesapeake Bay Commission will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary. What steps should we take in the upcoming year to highlight our achievements?*

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**11:00 A.M. ADJOURN**

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*The next meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Commission  
will be held at the Fairfield Inn & Suites Downtown/Inner Harbor in Baltimore, MD  
on November 7-8, 2019*