



# CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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## Agenda Easton, MD September 9-10, 2021

**Thursday, September 9, 2021**

**Meeting Location:**  
**Eastern Shore Conservation Center**  
114 S Washington St., Unit 101  
Easton, MD 21601

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**12:00 P.M. WELCOME TO THE CONSERVATION CENTER**  
Rob Etgen, President, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy and Founder of the Center

**ROLL CALL**  
**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**  
**ADOPTION/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA**

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**12:15 P.M. CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER QUALITY**  
*In response to member feedback at our May meeting, the Coastal Policy Clinic has gathered national examples of climate policies specific to regional resilience authorities, private sector partnerships, and model overlay district ordinances. We will learn more about these national examples to zero in on next steps.*

Elizabeth Andrews, Director, Virginia Coastal Policy Center

***Facilitated Discussion:*** *What legislative approaches should the CBC investigate?  
What partnerships should be pursued?*

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**1:00 P.M. FIELD TRIP ORIENTATION**  
**OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY ON THE MID-SHORE**  
*Today's field trip is designed to highlight innovative efforts to address the pollution loads entering the Bay – from both the urban and agricultural sectors. Expert practitioners will share both the technical aspects of restoration, and what policy options can further leverage our investments.*

Isabel Hardesty, Executive Director, ShoreRivers

**1:10 P.M. URBAN STREAM RESTORATION FOR MS-4 COMPLIANCE**

*Many of our smaller rural jurisdictions are challenged to meet their compliance requirements under the Clean Water Act. The Town of Easton is using stream restoration -- which can generate debate in some communities -- to help meet stormwater (MS-4) permit requirements. We will hear from the project management team, watch a short video describing the project and then visit the restoration site.*

Rick Van Emburgh, P.E. Town Engineer  
Kody Cario, Project Manager, Town of Easton  
Ryder Cario, Videographer, and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student

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**1:30 P.M. PAPERMILL BRANCH STREAM RESTORATION**

*A 30-minute field visit*

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**2:50 PM ACHIEVING FARM RESILIENCY USING CONSERVATION DRAINAGE**

*To achieve the needed load reductions from our agricultural landscapes, we must continually seek to innovate and find win-win solutions to increase ag productivity and conservation benefits. ShoreRivers works closely with the farm community to uncover and then ground truth such positive solutions. Today we are visiting one such project.*

Hutchison Brothers Farm  
Tim Rosen, Director of Agriculture & Restoration, ShoreRivers

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**6:30 PM TOUR OF FAIR HILL FARMS**

*This tour is timed to view the state-of-the-art evening milking.*

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**Friday, September 10, 2021**

**MEETING LOCATION:**

**Tidewater Inn**  
101 East Dover Street  
Easton, MD 21601

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**9:00 A.M. WELCOME  
ROLL CALL**  
Crystal Room

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**9:10 A.M. CHAIRMAN'S LIGHTNING ROUND UPDATES**

- **October Executive Council meeting**
- **Federal Updates**
- **Conowingo WIP & Finance Strategy**

**9:45 A.M.      PROGRESS ON BAY AGREEMENT OUTCOMES**

*The 2014 Chesapeake Bay Agreement contains 10 goals, supported by 31 outcomes, that commit us to advance the restoration and protection of the watershed. We often discuss water quality, but how are we progressing towards the other desired outcomes? Where are we in our efforts? What policies are needed to accelerate progress and ensure success?*

**Overview**

Ann Swanson, Executive Director, Chesapeake Bay Commission

***Commission Feedback and Discussion***

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**10:30 A.M.      BREAK**

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**10:45 A.M.      PROTECTED LANDS OUTCOME**

*The landscapes of the Chesapeake Bay watershed are ecologically, culturally, historically, and recreationally valuable to the people and communities of the region. With the Agreement commitment to protect an additional two million acres by 2025, and a growing interest in protecting 30 percent by 2030, what are the next policy steps? How are these goals tied to public access?*

Wendy O'Sullivan, Superintendent, NPS Chesapeake Bay Office  
Joel Dunn, President & CEO, Chesapeake Conservancy

***Recommendations and Actions***

**[11:15 A.M.]      PUBLIC ACCESS OUTCOME**

*Increasing public access to local waterways for fishing, swimming, and boating fosters a shared sense of responsibility and increased stewardship that supports watershed restoration goals. Also, creating those close-to-home outdoor opportunities in communities of color engages diverse youth and adults, which is important for the future of the Bay. With a commitment to add 300 new public access sites, what state policies are inhibiting progress? What needs to change?*

Curtis Bennet, Director of Equity & Community Engagement, National Aquarium  
Darius Johnson, Kent Attainable Housing, Inc.

***Recommendations and Actions***

***Protected Lands and Access Policy Discussion***

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

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**12:15 P.M.      ADJOURN**

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*The next meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Commission will be held  
at the Tides Inn in Irvington, VA on November 4-5, 2021*