



Local governments working together for a better metropolitan region

Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

Date: Friday, March 17, 2006
Time: 9:45 a.m.– 11:45 a.m. *
Place: Third Floor Board Room
777 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

- District of Columbia
Bowie
College Park
Frederick County
Gaithersburg
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Montgomery County
Prince George's County
Rockville
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Fairfax
Fairfax County
Falls Church
Loudoun County
Manassas
Manassas Park
Prince William County

*Lunch will be available for committee members and alternates after the meeting.

Meeting Agenda

- 9:45 1. Introductions and Announcements Hon. John R. Lovell
Chair, Frederick County
9:50 2. Approval of Meeting Summary for
Jan. 20, 2006 Chair Lovell
Recommended action: Approve DRAFT Meeting summary (Att. 2).
9:55 3. Education and Outreach: Review of COG staff
Proposed Resolution
At its CBPC meeting, the committee directed staff to coordinate a brief presentation
to the COG Board by Katherine Mull of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, in
which she details the efforts by local governments in Virginia to pool funds to mount a
radio advertising campaign promoting water quality. This presentation will be scheduled
for the April 12 COG Board meeting. The committee also directed COG staff to
prepare a resolution (Att. 3) to accompany the presentation that would urge all of
COG's member governments to consider participating in this regional effort
Recommended Action: Review proposed COG Board resolution and approve its
presentation to the Board
10:05 4. Review of Anacostia Governance
Proposal George Harman
Maryland Department of the
Environment
Vice Chair Hamid Karimi
District of Columbia
Department of the
Environment

Since 1987, regional agreements to restore the Anacostia watershed have been
coordinated by the multi-agency Anacostia Restoration Committee. During the past
year, the committee members have had extensive discussions about new governance

arrangements (See *Att. 4*). At the February 8 COG Board meeting, District of Columbia Mayor Anthony Williams asked the COG Board to refer the governance issue to the CBPC to develop a recommendation to bring back to the Board at its June 2006 meeting. Mr. Harman and Mr. Karimi will briefly detail the history and current status of the Anacostia restoration effort and outline the governance issue.

Recommended Action: Establish workgroup of Anacostia and CBPC members to formulate a recommendation on governance that can be presented at the May 19 CBPC meeting; detail any further needs for information from COG staff or other parties.

- 10:40 5. **Update on Trash-Free Potomac Summit**..... Hon. Penelope Gross
Fairfax County
- Ted Graham, COG
Water
Resources Director

A number of COG members have signed a "Potomac Trash Treaty" coordinated by the Alice Ferguson Foundation, and participated in the associated Trash-Free Potomac Summit on March 16, 2006. Ms. Gross, a member of the trash treaty's advisory council, will provide a brief recap of the summit. Mr. Graham will highlight potential initiatives that could involve member governments.

Recommended action: Review proposed local government action items; provide guidance to COG staff

- 11:00 6. **Introduction to Urban Nutrient Management Issues**..... Judy McGowan,
Maryland Dept. of
Agriculture

The committee agreed at its January meeting to focus on the local government role in promoting urban nutrient management as a priority in 2006. Ms. McGowan, who chairs a state workgroup on urban nutrient management issues, will describe the role of this sector in the tributary strategies and discuss some of the group's activities.

Recommended Action: Per guidelines requested by Chair Lovell, identify a member or members willing to guide staff efforts on this issue, which will focus on identifying actions that local governments can take to promote better use of nutrients in the urban environment.

- 11:30 7. **Update on Committee Tour Plans**..... Hon. Sally Kurtz
Loudoun County

As recommended by the committee at its January meeting, Loudoun County officials have agreed to host a committee tour in 2006. Ms. Kurtz will discuss preliminary plans, including potential dates, for the tour.

Recommended action: Provide feedback to Ms. Kurtz on plans for the tour.

11:35 **8. on State Legislation** COG staff

COG staff will note the status of legislation affecting the Bay in the Maryland and Virginia general assemblies.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing

11:40 **9. New Business**..... Members

11:45 **10. Adjourn**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2006, 9:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

(Remember: COG will reimburse members and alternates for Metro fares.)

Enclosures:

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| Item 2 | DRAFT Meeting Summary of Jan. 20, 2006 |
| Item 3 | DRAFT COG Board resolution regarding media outreach campaign |
| Item 4 | Discussion outline for Anacostia Watershed Restoration Governance |
- Background on the COG's Anacostia restoration program is also available at <http://www.anacostia.net/>