

Future Meetings/Events

July 17th - CBPC Meeting -Proposed Agenda Items:

- **CBP TMDL Developments** – Allocation Methodology, SIP Guidelines, TMDL Outreach Meeting, & Chuck Fox Presentation at COG Retreat
- **Proposed Maryland Septic System Policy for ‘Critical Areas’ Zone**
- **Proposed Federal Stormwater Legislation** (i.e., letter to Representative Connelly)
- **SAFETEA Initiative Discussion**
- **Plastic Bag Trash Initiative** - Update
- **Greater Washington 2050 Metrics** – Review of Environmental/Water Resources Metrics
- **Plastic Bag Trash Policy** – Update & Proposed Next Steps

July 23rd - Climate Adaptation Workshop

COG and Northrop Grumman are co-hosting a workshop to look at what regional climate change models are forecasting in terms of impacts to the energy sector, water quality and quantity, and air quality. The workshop will focus on strategies for climate adaptation. Visit www.mwcog.org/adaptation to register.

September 1st – 4th - CWEA & WWOA 2009 Joint Conference, Ocean City, MD

September 10th – COG WRTC Meeting

September 14th – 17th – VWEA & Va. Sect. AWWA Joint Annual Meeting - WaterJAM 2009, Richmond, VA

September 18th – COG CBPC Meeting

October/November (Date TBD) – COG Wastewater Climate Change-Greenhouse Gas Inventory Workshop

October 10th – 14th – WEFTECH 2009, Orlando, Florida

November 5th - COG’s Designing Roads and Highways Stormwater Workshop (*see details below*)

General Updates

I. Designing Roads and Highways Stormwater Workshop (November 5, 2009)

On November 5th, COG will be hosting a workshop that will provide exemplary case studies of green retrofits to roads and highways nationwide, and examine unique regulatory and funding approaches to mitigating transportation’s impacts on water quality. A mix of our members, plus departments of transportation, state highway administrations, and federal highway administration, EPA, academics, and engineering firms are expected to participate. For more information, including a concept paper for the workshop:

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II. Regional Monitoring Subcommittee – Highlights of June 8th Meeting

The Regional Monitoring Subcommittee Meeting, held on June 8th, included presentations from Carlton Haywood, ICPRB, about the CBP monitoring realignment to focus on smaller-scale watersheds. Dr. Robert Gardner, from UMD Appalachian Laboratory, presented how SLEUTH modeling is being used to predict ecological consequences of land use changes in the Potomac watershed. Dr. Sample, from Virginia Tech, presented on green infrastructure and assessing BMP lifecycles. For more information about these presentations and to learn about the Around-the-Room updates, please visit the RMS Website:

http://www.mwcog.org/environment/committee/committee/documents.asp?COMMITTEE_ID=54

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III. Federal Legislation Regarding Water Resource Issues – COG staff is tracking several bills or areas of legislation and will seek feedback from the CBPC on interest in providing comment from the region. One potential priority is the reauthorization of a federal surface transportation act, which has the potential to direct funds to urban stormwater controls. In addition, Bay restoration advocates also are lobbying for stricter stormwater standards to regulate highway construction (see attached letter from Bay Leadership, 5/27/09). In Congress, H.R. 1053 would require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, and for other purposes.

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