

Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

Date: September 21, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00

Place: Room 1

777 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

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Prince William County

*Adjunct Member

**Lunch will be available for committee members and alternates at 11:00.*

Meeting Agenda

- 9:00 1. **Introductions and Announcements**.....Hon. Penny Gross,
Chair, Fairfax County
- IRE stormwater project recommendations (Att. 1)
- 9:05 2. **Approval of Meeting Summary for May 18, 2012**.....Chair Gross
- 9:10 3. **Regional Water Quality Messaging**.....Tanya Spano, Chief,
Regional Water Quality
Management
- 9:20 4. **Economics of Nutrient Trading**.....Jack Frye, Chesapeake
Bay Commission

As part of COG's response to negative media accounts about water quality in the Potomac, Ms. Spano will discuss plans to highlight local government efforts to improve local water quality. These include development of a Potomac water quality fact sheet

Recommended Action: Provide guidance to staff as it works with COG's technical water committees to craft these regional messages.

Mr. Frye, Virginia Director of the Chesapeake Bay Commission, will review the Commission's recently issued report on nutrient trading (*Att. 4a and 4b*) and discuss to what extent its findings can be incorporated in trading programs in Maryland, Virginia and the Bay watershed as a whole.

Recommended Action: Provide guidance to staff on whether COG should establish a policy on water quality trading.

10:05 5. **Report on TapIt, a Community Engagement Campaign Project**.....Heidi Bonnaffon, COG staff

Sarah Neiderer, DC Water,
Hon. Andy Fellows, College
Park

COG's Community Engagement Campaign is coordinating a regional effort to enlist local businesses as partners in the TapIt program, which offers tap water to members of the public with re-usable bottles. Ms. Bonnaffon will summarize the initiative and introduce Ms. Neiderer, who will highlight details of the program, and Mr. Fellows, who will note how College Park is promoting it (Att. 5).

Recommended Action: Committee endorsement of the campaign, to include action by election officials promoting involvement by local businesses.

10:30 6. **Report on Regional Agricultural Food Production** John Galli, Brian LeCouteur, COG staff

Mr. Galli and Mr. LeCouteur will summarize a new report, "What Our Region Grows," on the nature of agricultural food production and demand in and around the COG region. The report, produced by the Regional Agricultural Work Group and COG staff, makes several recommendations for supporting local agriculture in the 21st century.

Recommended Action: Endorse report findings and recommendations for transmission to the region.

10:40 7. **Staff Updates**.....COG staff

- STAC workshop on innovative wastewater practices
- Chesapeake Bay Program developments

10:55 8. **New Business**.....Members

11:00 9. **Adjourn**

(The next committee meeting will be held at COG on Friday, November 16.)

Enclosures/Handouts:

- Item 1 "Saving the Chesapeake Bay One House at a Time," report from stormwater team from the 2012 Institute for Regional Excellence cohort
- Item 2 DRAFT meeting summary of May 18, 2012
- Item 4a "Nutrient Credit Trading for the Chesapeake Bay," a Chesapeake Bay Commission report
- Item 4b Executive Summary of Nutrient Credit Trading report
More materials available at <http://www.chesbay.us/nutrienttrading.htm>
- Item 5 Letter from Mr. Fellows encouraging participation in TapIt by businesses in College Park
- Item 6 "What Our Region Grows report to be posted Sept. 18
- Item 7 Highlights of May 16, 2012 STAC wastewater workshop, to be posted separately