

**Draft  
Workshop Agenda  
Regional Trends, Issues and Prospects in Managing Urban Stormwater  
Sponsored by the Water Resources Technical Committee  
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The objectives of the of the proposed regional stormwater workshop are twofold: (1) to inform staff from throughout the COG region about developing trends and current issues expected to alter the principles and practices of managing urban stormwater; and (2) to provide a forum for helping shape policies and regulations at the federal and state levels. Since all the localities in the COG region are located in the Bay watershed and in Region 3 most of the issues to be addressed may well have a regional impact.

The framework for controlling urban stormwater in the Chesapeake Bay watershed continues to evolve. In Northern Virginia, local governments are moving ahead with preparation of a new BMP Manual, emphasizing the use of LID, for use throughout the region. Maryland, is working toward the adoption of regulations to implement the Stormwater Management Act of 2007 by December 2008. The District of Columbia recently submitted a “Best Management Practices Enhancement Package” to EPA as a part of its MS4 permit requirements.

At the same time the Chesapeake Stormwater Network has drafted a “Bay-Wide Stormwater Action Strategy;” a coalition of environmental and watershed groups in Maryland has prepared a list of eleven “Core Environmental Site Design Principles” for implementation of the Maryland Stormwater Act; and the Bay Program is preparing a “Corrective Action Plan” in response to EPA’s Inspector General’s report, “Development Growth Outpacing Progress in Watershed Efforts to Restore the Chesapeake Bay.

Both the Northern Virginia BMP manual and the Maryland stormwater regulations are time-sensitive. In the former case, there is concern whether the BMP Manual will be accepted in terms of quantity control. In the latter, Maryland will be seeking public comment on the proposed regulations.

Each of the individual sessions will be designed to clearly identify follow up actions.

**I. The Local Perspective: Goals and Concerns**

**a. VA – Uwe Kirste, Prince William County**

Discussion of the goals and objectives of the Northern Virginia BMP manual and concerns related to its adoption.

**b. MD – Rick Brush, Montgomery County**

A review of Montgomery County’s approach to controlling stormwater from new development and redevelopment including a discussion of expectations related to the Stormwater Management Act of 2007.

**c. DC – Sheila Besse, DC – DOE**

A review of the recent BMP Enhancement Package and how it’s changing the District’s stormwater program.

**II. The Changing Regulatory Climate**

**a. MD - The MD Stormwater Management Act of 2007 (MDE)**

MDE staff will review the progress to date in implementing the Act, outline the remaining steps to promulgation of regulations and identify where local input is desired and warranted.

**b. VA - Virginia's Conditions and Criteria (DCR)**

Virginia DCR staff will share its perspective on the proposed Northern Virginia BMP Manual and identify what technical and policy issues need to be addressed to ensure compliance with state requirements.

**c. Region 3 – The New MS4 Requirements (EPA Region 3)**

EPA will share its perspective on the District of Columbia's new MS4 requirements and discuss the potential for more regional applicability.

**III. Other Visions**

**a. The Corrective Action Plan for the EPA IG Report (EPA-CBPO)**

The Bay program staff will present an overview of its Corrective Action Plan to address the concerns raised by EPA's Inspector General, focusing on those aspects that may impact local stormwater management programs.

**b. Concepts for the Bay Watershed – Tom Schueler**

Ton Schueler of the Chesapeake Stormwater Network will present the "Bay-Wide Stormwater Action Strategy" and seek local input on its scope and content.

**IV. Wrap-Up**

COG staff will summarize the outcome of each session and identify follow up actions, including: (1) questions to be answered; (2) issues to be presented to the Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee; (3) material to be included in the upcoming Water Quality Futures Forum; and (4) items to be addressed in the COG's FY 2009 Water Resources Work Program & Budget.