



Initial List of Topics for Sept. 21 Chesapeake Bay & Water Quality Forum- **DRAFT**

COG staff are proposing the following topics to discuss with EPA and the states at our 8th Annual CBPC Forum. Staff encourages your advice on these topics and any other issues that should be raised.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COG/CBP STRENGTH IN JOINT MESSAGING

- COG has recognized the importance of the CBP for Bay restoration and will continue to support full funding for CBP.
- The coordinated effort for Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week this year enhanced COG member participation and boosted overall outreach

CHESAPEAKE BAY TMDL: PLANNING TARGETS AND PHASE III WIPS

- Positives:
 - Good science in revised model
 - Preservation of time in the schedule for adequate draft WIP review
- Don't add new reporting requirements when others, such as MS4 annual reports, can provide the needed information
- Continue to address issues of affordability/maximum extent practicable as part of adaptive management efforts
- Plans for addressing the additional loads
 - Conowingo Dam
 - How will nutrient credits for Conowingo WIP be distinguished from Phase III WIPs?
 - Note wastewater and stormwater accomplishments and maximum level of feasibility
 - Preserve wastewater capacity in nutrient trading
 - Climate change
 - How will gaps in science be addressed in preparations for 2022 numeric milestones?
 - Discuss feasibility

ADDITIONAL LOCAL WATER QUALITY FOCUS AREAS FOR METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

- Toxics (PCBs, PAHs, others)
- Salts/chlorides impacts to local waterways and drinking water
- Water infrastructure needs increased investment