**Legislative/Regulatory Updates – Federal & State**

**Stakeholder Input on Stormwater Rulemaking Related to the Chesapeake Bay**

EPA is soliciting input specifically on Chesapeake Bay-specific provisions of a new stormwater rulemaking (see [Federal Register Notice PDF](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/regulations/stormwater_fn1082010.pdf) (5 pp, 68KB)). Written comments and any supporting data must be submitted on or before December 7, 2010. EPA will be holding several public "listening sessions" in October and November 2010 to request input from the public. At each stormwater listening session, EPA will summarize potential provisions of the stormwater rulemaking with respect to the Chesapeake Bay watershed and members of the public will be able to make 3 minute statements to EPA. If time allows, a general Q&A session may follow. As part of the listening sessions, EPA will also address environmental justice considerations and potential impacts and benefits that may arise as a consequence of the rulemaking. The environmental justice discussion will include a presentation from EPA and a discussion with the group on environmental justice considerations and potential impacts and benefits that may arise as a consequence of the rulemaking.

* **November 17, 2010**, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. for the stormwater listening session and 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the environmental justice discussion at Forum Building 5th & Walnut **Harrisburg, PA**
* **Virtual Listening Session Webcast.** EPA will also hold a "virtual" listening session webcast on November 16, 2010, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. EST. [Registration is now open!](http://cfpub2.epa.gov/npdes/courseinfo.cfm?program_id=0&outreach_id=572&schedule_id=1119)

**2011 Federal Appropriation Requests of Interest**

* **Aging Infrastructure Replacement Project and Report Language**

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
Laurel, MD
$10,000,000
This project will assist funding to to rehabilitate, repair or replace WSSC's deteriorating water and wastewater infrastructure.  Report language ensures equitable distribution of federal funding among cost-sharing partners for the Blue Plains facility.

* **Anacostia River and Tributaries, Maryland and District of Columbia**
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Annapolis, MD
$10,000,000
This plan will help Maryland accelerate the Bay restoration efforts to reach a healthier Bay tipping point by the end of 2020, and create growth sector jobs in Maryland.
* **Blue Plains WWTP: Enhanced Nutrient Removal Upgrades and Combined Sewer Overflow Control**
Maryland Department of the Environment
Baltimore, MD
$83,000,000
Maryland Department of the Environment; Baltimore, MD
Installation of Enhanced Nutrient Removal Technology and upgrades to control combined sewer overflows at the Blue Plains Wastewater Treatment Plant.
* **Comprehensive Assessment of Maryland’s Water Resources**
Maryland Department of the Environment
Baltimore, MD
$2,000,000
Comprehensive studies of Maryland's water resources in the Coastal Plain and Fractured Rock areas of the State to assist with managing the State's growing demand for finite fresh water resources.
* **Cover Crop Program**
Maryland Department of Agriculture
Annapolis, MD
$8,000,000
This project will assist farmers in retaining soil nutrients and mitigate runoff.
* **Great Seneca Creek and Muddy Branch Watershed Feasibility Study**Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection
Rockville, MD
$32,000
The Feasibility Study will develop a restoration plan to identify and rank projects for design and construction as either a Corps of Engineers general investigation project or under Section 206 of the Continuing Authorities Program.   The restoration plan developed will support the Countywide Stream Protection Strategy, the implementation of the County’s NPDES stormwater permit, meeting local water quality standards,and the reduction of sediments and nutrient loads to the Chesapeake Bay.
* **Northwest Branch, Anacostia River, Maryland**
Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection
Rockville, MD
$616,000
The project will improve aquatic resources in the tributaries of Northwest Branch as part of the County and Federal effort to improve the Anacostia River and Chesapeake Bay.  The project will create construction jobs and provide business for construction support services such as material suppliers.
* **Prince George’ County Connector Trail**
Prince George’s County Department of Public Works
Largo, MD
$700,000
This trail will connect the Metropolitan Branch Trail in DC with the Anacostia Tributary Trial network in Prince George’s County, MD.  This project will increase environmental benefits, economic benefits, and tourism of the region.