

BAY RESTORATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Maryland Department of the Environment
MDE Stat Conference Room #1009 (Lobby Area)
1800 Washington Blvd.
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
January 21, 2010
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting Agenda

12:00-1:00 - LUNCH (Committee Members)

1:00 – 2:30 Evaluating options to address ENR funding shortfall. Listing Pros and Cons of each option (see attached) – **Bob Summers & Committee Members**

2:30 – 2:45 Break

2:45 – 3:30 Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems (OSDS) Update – **Jay Prager**

3:30 – 3:45 Update on Cover Crops Activities – **Norman Astle, Maryland Department of Agriculture**

3:45 – 4:00 Next meeting and other administrative issues to be discussed with the committee

4:00 ADJOURNMENT

Options to Address ENR Funding Shortfall

- a. Increase the Bay fee, which is currently \$2.50 per month per Equivalent Dwelling Unit.

Pros	Cons

- b. Reduce the ENR grant, which currently is at 100% of eligible costs. The law states that funding can be provided for up to 100% of eligible costs.

Pros	Cons

- c. Reprioritize the upgrade of the 67 ENR projects while delaying or not undertaking the upgrade of certain WWTPs.

Pros	Cons

- d. Seek Bay Restoration Fund statutory changes that allow the Bay fees to make debt service payment on bonds issued by local governments (for ENR eligible cost) that have a term of up to 30 years. MDE may be seeking a legislative approval to make this option available even if MDE and local governments later decide not to exercise. **The committee has already supported this option.**

- e. Seek Bay Restoration Fund statutory changes to discontinue the annual operation and maintenance grants, which can use up to \$5 million of the fund annually.

Pros	Cons