

WIP Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting
February 4, 2011
Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Members:

Aiosa, Jen – Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Boxwell, Bob – Lower Potomac Tributary Team
Brunkow, Jamie – Sassafras River Association
Buchheister, Bevin- Chesapeake Bay Commission
Connelly, Valerie- Maryland Farm Bureau
Donoho, Candace – MD Municipal League
Dindinger, Jen – Choptank Tributary Team
Ellis, Ginger – Lower Western Shore Tributary Team
Freeman, Katheleen – Coastal Resources Advisory Committee
Gracie, Jim – Maryland Sport Fisheries Advisory Committee
Haywood, Carlton- Middle Potomac Tributary Team
Hoot, Lynne- Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts (MASCD)
Knapp, Les- Maryland Association of Counties (MACo)
Maloney, Katie - Maryland State Homebuilders Association
Matthews, Terry - State Water Quality Advisory Committee (SWQAC)
Rossetti, Rupert –Upper Western Shore Tributary Team
Ward, Megan – (Alternate for EB James) Nanticoke Watershed Alliance

Alternates, Staff and Guests

Armocida, Alison - DNR
Bowen, Ron – Anne Arundel County DPW
Croghan, Moira – Sassafrass River Association (Alternate for Jamie Brunkow)
Decker, Carrie – DNR
Donegan, Claudia – DNR
Dubow, Jason - MDP
Grunden, Leslie, Caroline County
Levelev, Marya - MDE
Shanks, Catherine – DNR
Taylor-Rogers, Sarah – Alternate for Terry Matthews, SWQAC

Discussion

Jen Aiosa, CBF; gave a legislative overview presentation.

She mentioned that there were no Bay Restoration funding bills.

Bob Costa sponsored HB 57 which would allow for septic money allocated to a county to be used to hook up failing systems to ENR facilities.

There is a Bill which would require that any new construction install ENR septic systems.

There is a Bill proposed by Laferty which deals with how MDE rates septic costs.

There is a Bill which prohibits the installation of septic systems in major subdivision developments.

There is a Bill which addresses cuts in funding to state agencies.

There were 3 Bills dealing with lawn fertilizer.

One deals with removing P from fertilizer.

One limits the amount of N in fertilizer

And another deals with restrictions on when fertilizer can be applied and provides setback requirements.

No Bill # yet for this Bill.

There are two Ag related Bills which aim at getting P in fertilizer reduced to 0.

Another Bill requires the use of slow release N in fertilizer and time of year restrictions. There is no Bill# yet for this Bill.

HB 53 dealt with limiting Phosphorus in commercial detergents.

SB 129 Creates a taskforce to look at the creation of wetlands near elementary schools.

HB 24 Requires that the timing of biosolid application match the regulations for timing of manure application.

HB 370 requires that technical assistance be made available to local jurisdictions for watershed plans.

There is also a Bill requiring that municipalities create a storm water utility and that counties pay into the fee.

SB 198 Exempts 5 acre lots from new storm water requirements. Impervious surface area can't exceed 7% of lot.

SB 153 would abolish MDE or merge MDE and DNR.

Caroline and Anne Arundel Counties experiences on working on the Phase II WIP Pilots.

Kathleen Freeman, Dir. Planning Caroline Co., (See .PDF of presentation) mentioned that her presentation is on the MACO website.

John Roderick; said that Ag data will be aggregated at a watershed scale and made available. Ag BMPs are being added to Conservation tracker. BMPs are validated through inspections. Voluntary BMP data is being added and recorded as conservation plans expire and new ones are written.

Ron Bowman, Director of Planning Anne Arundel Co., (See .PDF of presentation)
Said that 80% of N from septic systems in the Critical Area enters waterways.

Thoughts about the Phase II Workshops

Sarah Taylor Rogers; Hughes Center for Agro Ecology, said the workshops were well attended but didn't have enough space.

People appreciated the workshops and were very grateful.

The future now depends on the liaisons.

Not many elected officials attended. It is apparent that the WIP process has not really hit home with most elected officials.

The requirements being placed on the state to get this done is daunting.

We need to work on how to best optimize the money available when writing the WIPs.

We also need more money for plan development.

EPA also needs to provide more flexibility.

We are going to need more people and money to make it all happen.

Work Plan Discussion;

Cathie Shanks, DNR said she would like the SAC to look over the draft guidance being put together for the counties.

The next PSC meeting will be Feb 17th and the EPA will give due dates for the Phase II WIPs.

It was suggested that the next meeting be held at senate meeting rooms in the morning possibly next March.

Liaisons will start meeting with counties in March.

A request was made to provide the names of the liaisons for each county. We still need a liaison for Cecil, Harford and Wicomico counties.