

**Agenda**  
**CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION**  
**Sayre, Pennsylvania**  
**November 8-9, 2007**

**MEETING THEME: LOCAL MOTIVATION, BAY BENEFITS**

*One of the challenges the Bay restoration effort faces is reaching each of the 17 million residents living in the region, especially those living in the upper watershed. Consequently, our discussions will focus on successful ways to achieve awareness and action at the local level. Those working in the headwaters have used local challenges to spur local water quality improvements that also have benefits downstream. Their experiences will be helpful to us as we seek even greater support from individual citizens and local governments to further Bay restoration efforts.*

**Thursday, November 8**

**STARTING LOCATION**

Best Western Grand Victorian Inn, Sayre, PA

**8:45 A.M.** Call to Order  
Introduction of new Maryland Director Matt Mullin  
Roll Call  
Welcome  
Pennsylvania Chairman Art Hershey

**9:00 A.M.** “Upper Susquehanna 101”  
Erin Heard, Watershed Specialist  
Upper Susquehanna Coalition

**9:15 A.M. BEING STRATEGIC WITHIN THE STRATEGY: A LOCAL SUCCESS STORY**

**Mike Lovegreen, Manager**  
**Bradford County Conservation District**

*With limited dollars, PA DEP has restructured their Chesapeake Bay Program funding to conservation districts by using strategic planning within the context of the Tributary Strategies. Bradford County is one example of how targeting of best management practices can yield successful results downstream.*

**10:00 A.M.** Depart hotel for tour

*The first leg of the tour will pass through the Bentley Creek Watershed, an interstate (PA/NY) watershed which is currently an active Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program project administered by USDA-NRCS. Economic and physical data collected provide an excellent case study of the flooding issues related to rural areas in Northern Pennsylvania and will provide an introduction to the afternoon program.*

*The tour will continue to the 6,577 acre Mill Creek Watershed, which feeds into the 70-acre Stephen Foster Lake. The Lake is subject to TMDLs for sediment and phosphorus. Beginning in 2000, the Bradford County Conservation district has targeted technical and funding resources from the Chesapeake Bay Program, USDA-NRCS, EPA 319, Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the landowners to restore over 2,500 feet of stream channel, develop phosphorous based nutrient planning on 85% of the farmland and implement all identified best management practices on 11 of the 13 farms in the watershed. Monitoring has shown almost immediate and continued improvement in the quality of water feeding the Lake.*

STOP 1: Bill and Lavern Jackson Farm

STOP 2: Ben and Dean Jackson Farm

#### **LUNCHEON LOCATION**

Nature Center

Mt. Pisgah State Park

**12:00 Noon Lunch**

#### **12:45 P.M. FLOODING IN THE SUSQUEHANNA BASIN: A LOCAL CHALLENGE WITH DOWNSTREAM IMPACTS**

*The Susquehanna River has one of the most flood-prone basins in the nation. This results from a combination of factors, including geography, topography, and hydrology, and has a significant impact on local economies, stormwater management, and development patterns. However, the effects are also felt downstream in the Bay through nutrient and especially sediment loadings.*

- **The causes of flooding in the Susquehanna Basin and impacts to the local economy and environment**

Tom Beauduy, Deputy Director  
Susquehanna River Basin Commission

- **Leveraging local flood control efforts for downstream nutrient and sediment reductions – challenges and solutions**

Hon. Roger Madigan  
Senate of Pennsylvania

**2:00 P.M. FIELD TOUR: FLOOD AND STORMWATER CONTROL IN A  
GLACIATED REGION**

**Mike Lovegreen, Manager  
Bradford County Conservation District**

**Melissa Yearick, Wetlands Specialist  
Upper Susquehanna Coalition**

*The Seeley Creek Watershed exemplifies the issues of gravel deposition and channel instability. Information about overall stream stability and sediment contributed to streams, the Susquehanna and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay will be presented based on the numerous stream studies conducted by the Bradford County Conservation District.*

*The tour will conclude at a flood attenuation site in Chemung Co., New York. This wetland provides many water quality benefits in addition to flood control.*

**Friday, November 9**

**LOCATION**

Best Western Grand Victorian Inn  
Sayre, Pennsylvania

**8:00 A.M. BREAKFAST DELEGATION MEETINGS**

**9:15 A.M. CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL  
ADOPTION OF MINUTES  
ADOPTION/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA  
CHAIRMAN'S UPDATES**

Chesapeake Executive Council Meeting  
Federal Farm Bill  
Blue Plains/WRDA  
Blue Crab Advisory Report  
Status of 2010 Goals

**QUANTIFYING THE LINKS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH,  
AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

**9:45 A.M. The Environmental Health Institute (EHI): Identifying and quantifying the  
links between environmental health and public health**

Brian S. Schwartz, MD, MS  
EHI Co-Director

Prof. of Environmental Health Science, Epidemiology and Medicine  
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Walter F. Stewart, PhD  
EHI Co-Director  
Associate Chief Research Officer  
Center for Health Research  
Geisinger Health System

**10:15 A.M. The Economic Impact of Environmental Improvement: Analysis of Efforts in the West Branch Susquehanna basin**

Evan Hansen, President  
Downstream Strategies, LLC

**10:35 A.M. The Susquehanna Greenway: Integrating public health, economic development, and the environment into community planning**

Cindy Dunn, Director  
Bureau of Recreation and Conservation  
PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

**10:55 A.M. New Business/Discussion/Recommendations**

**11:15 A.M. Adjourn**

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The next meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Commission  
will be held at the Loews Hotel, in Annapolis, Maryland on Thursday, January 3, 2008.