



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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Agenda Harrisburg, PA November 9 & 10, 2017

Thursday, November 9th

205 Ryan Office Building
Pennsylvania Capitol Complex

Business Attire

1:00 P.M. **WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER**
Representative Garth Everett, Chair

1:05 P.M. **ROLL CALL**
ADOPTION OF MINUTES
ADOPTION/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA
ORIENTATION TO THE DAY

1:10 P.M. **BOOTS ON THE GROUND**
Improving Technical Assistance for Farmers
A briefing on CBC's new policy report

- 1) What is technical assistance, who provides it, and how does it work?*
- 2) How is it funded?*
- 3) What can be done to ensure its increased availability and effective delivery?*

CBC Staff

1:30 P.M. **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: FROM THE FIELD**
A panel of farmers and technical assistance providers describe their experience

THE FARMERS

Have there been both natural resource and economic benefits? Was technical assistance "easy" to obtain and understand? How would you recommend that it be improved? What could be done to expand conservation practices to more farms?

Jim Hershey, Elizabethtown, PA (broilers, hogs & cash grain)
Raymond King, Narvon, PA (dairy and crops)

2:10 P.M. **BREAK**

2:25 P.M. **THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS**
What are the financial, policy and operational challenges to providing technical assistance? How can the Chesapeake Bay Commission help improve conservation technical assistance?

Lamonte Garber, Watershed Restoration Coordinator, Stroud Water Research
Peter Hughes, Owner, Red Barn Consulting, LLC
Lindsay Thompson, Director, Maryland Association of Conservation Districts

3:30 P.M. **Commission Discussion**

3:45 P.M. **REAUTHORIZATION OF THE FARM BILL**

CBC Staff

4:00 P.M. **ADJOURN**

Friday, November 10th

Hilton Harrisburg
One North Second Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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

Leland Room

MEETING LOCATION

Carlisle Room

9:00 A.M. **CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**

9:05 A.M. **CHAIRMAN’S UPDATES**

- **Bay Journal**
- **Boat Wakes**
- **Pennsylvania Crab Feast**

9:10 A.M. **THE TMDL: DECISIONS MADE AND YET TO COME**

At the September Commission meeting, we heard about several decisions before the Bay Program Partners including climate change, accounting for Growth and Conowingo Dam. What are the implications as we move forward?

CBC Members and Staff

9:40 A.M. **WHAT IS PENNSYLVANIA DOING?**

While currently behind on achieving its TMDL goals, initiatives are underway to accelerate reductions from non-point sources, which are responsible for most of Pennsylvania’s load.

Part I: GOVERNMENT

The Wolf administration has completed a full year under the new “Bay Restoration Strategy” released in 2016, and several bills have been recently passed or introduced by the General Assembly. What is the impact?

Secretary Patrick McDonnell

Members of the CBC PA Delegation and staff

10:00 A.M. **Part II: PENN STATE**

The land grant university is coordinating “PA in the Balance,” which is developing a stakeholder-led strategy for agriculture and the environment.

Matt Royer, Director

Ag & Environment Center, PSU

10:20 A.M. **Break**

10:40 A.M. **Part III: LANCASTER COUNTY**

Its intensive agriculture and suburban landscape, along with proximity, make Lancaster County one of the highest-loading areas to the Bay. Several local initiatives are underway to implement targeted and cost-effective solutions.

Christopher Thompson, Manager
Lancaster County Conservation District

11:00 A.M. **PANEL Q&A** (McDonnell, Royer and Thompson)

11:20 A.M. **COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

11:45 A.M. **NEW BUSINESS**
MEETING FEEDBACK

12:00 P.M. **ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Commission
will be held in Annapolis, MD
on January 4-5, 2018