

Chesapeake Conservancy

TO: Ann Swanson
FR: Joel Dunn
RE: TMDL and Land Conservation Analysis
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I was pleased to learn that the Chesapeake Bay Commission received a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) grant to pursue research on some of the findings of the "Conserving Chesapeake Landscapes" report. Congratulations to you and your staff.

It has also come to my attention that the Chesapeake Bay Commission is interested in entering a legal agreement for pro-bono services with the law firm of Hogan and Lovells. They do great work. I know the staff there, as Doug Wheeler (Partner) is on our Chesapeake Council, was my professor at Duke and has been a great mentor to me. The Chesapeake Conservancy currently has a standing pro-bono relationship with them.

I understand Doug has a very talented short-term surrimer associate, Hannah Graae, with some experience in this area. I also know that it can take several months for Hogan and Lovells to accept new pro-bono clients and it is a lengthy process. If the Chesapeake Bay Commission is operating on a tight timeline to move forward, I would like to offer their services to the Commission through our existing pro-bono agreement.

Any products produced under such an arrangement could be used solely at your discretion and would be kept entirely confidential by the Chesapeake Conservancy until otherwise directed by the Commission. I understand that this is a Chesapeake Bay Commission project, and want to be helpful in any way that we can. Please let me know if you want to take me up on this offer.