



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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Agenda Annapolis, MD January 2-3, 2025

Thursday, January 2, 2025

Meeting Location:

Wiley H. Bates Legacy Center
1101 Smithville Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Attire: Business

12:25 P.M. WELCOME
Wiley H. Bates Legacy Center

Isaac Vineyard
Executive Director
Wiley H. Bates Legacy Center

12:30 P.M. ROLL CALL
ADOPTION OF MINUTES
ADOPTION/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA
FOLLOW-UP FROM NOVEMBER MEETING

12:45 P.M. REACHING UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES

Under-resourced communities, broadly defined, are those that lack access to resources like funding and assets, technical assistance and services, infrastructure and institutional support, and power and political influence. When allocating funding for restoration and conservation activities, what practices can help policy-makers target funding to under-resourced communities in accessible and successful ways?

Mariah Davis
Environmental Justice Officer
Office of the Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

1:30 P.M. GROWING COMMUNITY CAPACITY

When it comes to funding, availability is not the same as accessibility. Success depends upon a community's interest in and capacity for accessing and managing the funds. What are some best practices when engaging communities and growing their ability to apply for, receive, and manage resources? How can we put communities on the pathway of assessing needs, planning solutions, and designing/constructing projects?

Kacey Wetzel
Vice-President of Programs - Outreach and Education
Chesapeake Bay Trust

Bonnie Sorak
Director of Outreach
Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake

2:15 P.M. BREAK

2:30 P.M. THE NEXT GENERATION OF BAY LEADERS

The U.S. Geological Survey joined the Environmental Protection Agency and the University of Maryland Baltimore County in signing a Memorandum of Understanding to promote a pipeline for environmentally literate and technologically capable candidates, particularly from underrepresented and underserved communities. How are student interests and employer needs in environmental sustainability shaping educational programs at local colleges and universities?

Breck Sullivan
Physical Scientist
U.S. Geological Survey

Peggy Re
Associate Provost, Academic Affairs
University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Mary K Foley
Director
U.S.G.S MD-DE-DC Water Science Center

Zach Clifton
Physical Scientist
U.S.G.S. MD-DE-DC Water Science Center

3:30 P.M. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

A time for open dialogue by Commission members to reflect on the day's discussions, revisit past topics and conversations, and share items for future exploration during the Commission's upcoming quarterly meetings.

4:00 P.M. ADJOURN

Friday, January 3, 2025

Meeting Location:

Bowline Room
Graduate by Hilton Annapolis
126 West Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Attire: Business Casual

8:00 A.M. DELEGATION BREAKFASTS

Carrick Bend Room

9:15 A.M. WELCOME

ROLL CALL

Bowline Room

9:20 A.M. LIGHTNING ROUND UPDATES

- 2024 Chesapeake Executive Council Meeting
 - Reviewing and Refreshing the Watershed Agreement Outcomes
 - 2024 Chesapeake Bay Commission Annual Report
 - 2025 & 2026 Meeting Dates
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9:40 A.M. THE 2024 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSIONS

What can we expect during the 2025 General Assembly sessions in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia?

Delegation Reports & Commission Discussion

10:15 A.M. FEDERAL POLICY UPDATES

How can the Commission be effective in working with the 119th Congress and the new Administration to meet our federal policy priorities? What is the current status of the federal appropriations process for FY 2025 and what are the factors influencing how and when budget negotiations may be resolved? What is the status of Farm Bill reauthorization?

Jason Gleason
Executive Vice President
Crossroads Strategies

Wally Burnett
Principal
Crossroads Strategies

11:00 A.M. BREAK

11:15 A.M. BETTER KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

The Commission has long believed that intergovernmental coordination works best when we learn from each other, promoting uniformity when appropriate, but embracing our differences when necessary. In 2019, the Chesapeake Legal Alliance helped us grow a deeper appreciation for what makes each of our member-states unique. Now, CLA returns to help us review and build on this striking and salient conversation.

David Reed
Executive Director
Chesapeake Legal Alliance

**12:00 P.M. COMMISSION DISCUSSION
INTERIM ACTIONS
NEW BUSINESS
PUBLIC COMMENT**

12:25 P.M. ELECTION OF 2025 OFFICERS

12:30 P.M. ADJOURN

The next meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Commission will be held at the Reservoir Center for Water Solutions in Washington, D.C. on May 1-2, 2025.