

## **Maryland Coast Smart Council**

Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources  
580 Taylor Ave., C-1  
Annapolis, MD 21401

### **Meeting Minutes**

June 16, 2015

The Coast Smart Council met at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, 580 Taylor Ave., C-1, Annapolis, Maryland on June 16, 2015.

#### **Council Members in Attendance:**

Chair Mark Belton, Secretary of Department of Natural Resources  
Kate Charbonneau, Critical Area Commission  
Fiona Burns, Office of Capital Budgeting, Maryland Department of Budget and Management (by phone)  
Chris Elcock, GWWO Inc., Architects  
Dr. Gerry E. Galloway, Jr., University of Maryland, College Park  
Sepehr Baharlou, P.E., BayLand Consultants & Designers, Inc.  
La Verne Gray, Maryland Dept. of Planning  
Mostafa Izadi, P.E., Department of General Services  
Bill Carroll representing Mark James, Preparedness Directorate, Maryland Emergency Management Agency

#### **Council Members Not in Attendance:**

Keith A. Holmes, Department of Business and Economic Development (by phone)  
The Honorable Dennis Dare, Town of Ocean City  
David Costello, Maryland Dept. of Environment  
Dr. Donald Boesch, University of Maryland, Center for Environmental Science  
Thomas J. Lawton, Somerset County  
Don Halligan, Maryland Dept. of Transportation

#### **Council Staff in Attendance:**

Zoë Johnson, Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources  
Renee Orenstein, Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources

#### **Guests in Attendance:**

Ren Serey, Critical Area Commission  
Jeff Fretwell, MDE  
Walid Saffouri, MDE  
Richard Higgins, DBED  
Meg Andrews, MDOT  
Jennifer Sparenberg, MHT

## **Welcome/Meeting Objectives**

DNR Secretary Mark Belton called the meeting to order and welcomed Council members. DNR Staff Zoe Johnson gave a recap of the May 28, 2015 CS Council meeting. Most of today's meeting will be dedicated to reviewing and finalizing the Draft Coast Smart Construction Program Document.

The first order of business was the approval of the Coast Smart Council May 28, 2015 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved with no changes.

The approved minutes will be posted on the Council's webpage:

<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/climatechange/CSCouncil/index.asp>

## **Presentation of Draft Coast Smart Construction Program Document (6.10.15)**

Zoe Johnson presented the Coast Smart Construction Program Document with changes that she integrated. The Council went through the document page by page:

- Page 2: July 15 was changed to July 1 due to statutory requirements.
- Page 3: There was a question about a possible definition of substantial damage for repetitive losses. Zoe responded that the Council has used the definition from FEMA. One possible solution is to create a reporting mechanism to track the repairs that were done cumulatively over the years, or defer to the agency.
- Page 4: no opposition to changes made
- Page 5: no opposition to changes made
- Page 6: There was a question about if a project is an exception, does the project still have to have some level of resiliency. Zoe responded that there are still requirements through the project screening checklist.
- Page 7: "2016" was added after October 1, and "...made in the past fiscal year" was added after the Annual Reporting to Council paragraph.
- Page 8: no opposition to changes made
- Appendix A: Definitions - no comments
- Appendix B: Screening Checklist – no comments
- Appendix C: Exceptions Cover Sheet - no comments
- Appendix D: Waiver Cover Sheet – need to strike historic preservation category because it was moved up to Exceptions; "Other" category also needs a line that is able to be filled in

Discussion:

- Coast Smart principals should infer that agencies will consider repetitive losses and incorporate coast smart guidance into these repetitive repairs
- There was concern about whether there is guidance in place to determine what NNBFs would protect structures from sea level rise, storm surge, or coastal flooding. Zoe responded that DNR is working on a comprehensive list to rank NNBFs.

The Coast Smart Construction Document was approved with the changes made today, with no dissent.

## **Review 2015-16 Council Meeting Schedule**

- The Coast Smart Construction Document will be submitted on July 1, 2015.
- October will be the next meeting date for the Coast Smart Council. The date is TBD.

**Member Updates**

- Jennifer Sparenberg, MHT, reported that the Maryland Historic Trust is moving forward to put out guidance about how to protect historic properties in Maryland.
- Zoe Johnson, DNR, stated that the Smith Island report/plan will be unveiled tomorrow.

**Public Comments**

- No updates from the public

**Wrap Up**

- All meeting materials will be posted to the Council website:  
<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/climatechange/CSCouncil/index.asp>