DCL Watershed Planning Steering Committee

Accountability and Public Participation Sub-Committee

Subcommittee

Members

- Lulu Gonella Chair
- David Myerberg Co-Chair
- Barbara Beelar
- Ellen Williams
- Ken Fisher
- Paul Weiler

Staff Support

- Catherine Shanks –,
 DNR
- Carrie Decker DNR
- Eric Null DNR, as needed

Meeting Goals and Outcomes

- Review and agree upon the focus of the subcommittee
- Review and refine the "problem statement"
- Review the current state of Lake Management Authority
- Identify next steps and topics for approaching the "desired state"
- Determine schedule for future meetings

Ground Rules

- Turn cell phones on silent
- Refrain from multi-tasking ie. checking email, having side conversations, reading other materials
- Always address fellow sub-committee members with courtesy and respect – avoid interrupting
- Before taking the floor, plan out what you want to communicate and do so concisely

Ground Rules (cont.)

- Keep comments and discussion on point avoid changing topics in the middle of a discussion (new topics/issues can be added to the Parking Lot or made note of for later discussion)
- Ask clarifying questions if you think you have missed a point – chances are you are not the only one
- Be sure your facts are correct, and if you are not sure, be sure to say so

Ground Rules (cont.)

- Be open to opposing or different approaches to solving our problems
- Be prepared to feel uncomfortable, frustrated, confused and like the process is out of control – this is natural and necessary in a process like this and later leads to greater clarity and good solutions

Focus of the Sub-Committee

- Examine current state with what information we have now
 - Org charts for DNR including lake management, the County, PRB
 - Who is responsible for what tasks
 - How does information flow
- Determine where gaps are in what should happen vs. what is happening
- Determine what other information we need
- Begin to formulate how to close the gaps

Draft Problem Statement

Topic – Accountability, agency coordination and lake management responsibility

- Citizens expressed a lack of understanding, clarity and accountability regarding who/what agency is responsible for different management actions on and around the lake and in the watershed.
- Citizens also felt the agencies are not working together in a coordinated fashion and a localized management authority is needed.

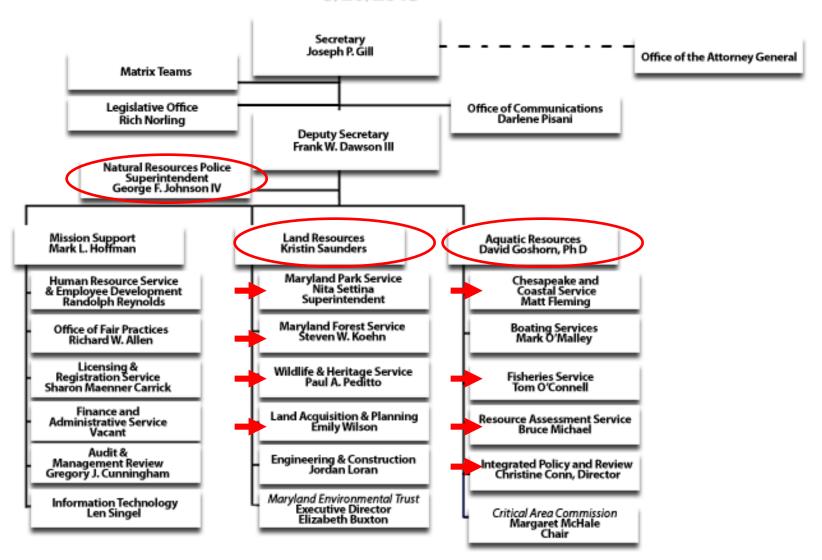
Draft Problem Statement

Topic - Public understanding and participation

- Concern was expressed for the lack of participation from watershed residents as opposed to lake residents.
- There is a lack of access to information on the lake governance as well as information on the watershed and the lake.

Maryland Department of Natural Resources Organizational Chart

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Interdisciplinary Teams (Matrix Teams) = Invasive Species and Conservation Education

