

## Agenda

### Coast Smart Council Quarter 4 Meeting

Nov 20, 2024 | 12:30pm - 1:30pm  
Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401  
Room C-1  
OR

Meeting link: <https://meet.google.com/ief-ayka-grt>  
Or dial: (US) +1 530-536-0706 PIN: 110 260 676#

#### I. Welcome, Introductions & Review of Agenda

12:30 - 12:35

*Secretary Kurtz (DNR)*, will open the meeting, call roll, and review the agenda.

- a. Action: Member approval of Aug 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes via vote
- b. Materials: [DRAFT Aug 28 CSC Meeting Notes](#)

House of Representatives	Delegate Stein
DBM	Jason Wardrup
MDE	Matt Rowe
DGS	Spyros Papadimas
MDP	Jill Lemke
MDOT	Allison Breitenother
Commerce	John Papavasiliou
CAC	Erik Fisher
MDEM	Jesse Delph
MDEM	Vanessa Calaban
University System of Maryland	Dr. Fernando Miralles Wilhelm
Comptroller's Office	Brooke E. Lierman
Charles County Government	Beth Groth
Somerset County Government	Mary Phillips
Stantec Inc.	Rebecca Aiken
UMD Civil and Environmental Engineering	Greg Baecher
Crisfield Government	Mayor Darlene Taylor

- [Christine Conn led the meeting today until Sec. Kurtz joined](#)
- [Previous meeting minutes approved](#)
- [Mary Phillips has since retired](#)

## II. Wastewater Working Group Update

12:40 - 1:00

*Eileen Gladd (MDE)*, will update members on the wastewater working group.

Action: Informative talk

Materials: Slides to be presented

- Goal to clarify process for people applying CoastSmart to the wastewater sector
- 5 Goals
  - Clarifying existing guidance is most important goal
    - Are we keeping the floodwaters out of the wastewater or vice versa?
  - Since document was published in 2020 building codes have been updated
- Key Highlights
  - Letter of support from MAMWA
  - General agreement that there is a need for increased flood resilience and funding for resilience
  - Appreciation for wastewater specific guidance
- Updates since 2020
  - Defined Design Flood Elevation and Flood Protection Elevation to align with consensus-base standards, MD Model Floodplain Ordinance, and building codes
- Addendum Highlights
  - Clarification of calculation of substantial damage: responsible party for determining SD, calculation for a link in a system, and built in equipment inclusion
  - Clarified approach: substantial improvement projects that are not also substantial damage, coastal areas and pump stations
  - Provides suggestions for vulnerability assessments even if Coast Smart does not apply
    - Recommends prioritizing relocation when feasible to align with priorities
  - Reminders for NFIP compliance
  - Clarified that wastewater facilities are critical infrastructure
  - Not all waterwater structures are crucial
  - Specified structural design calculations at the CRAB (DFE)
  - Identified common design considerations
  - Provided NFIP guidance on wet and dry floodproofing
  - Explained how to identify Coastal A zones and design implications
- Considerations
  - Gaps between State (Coast Smart) and Federal (FFRMS)
    - Applicability to structures in Riverine CRAB
    - Applicability to facilities
    - Applicability to Substantial Improvement Projects
- Take home message: memo that is an addendum to the document that exists online, addendum is open to comment until Wednesday, December 4th.
  - **COMMENT PERIOD IS ONLY FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS AT THIS TIME!**
  - Action Item: All council members to read over and prepare comments

## III. Regulations and 2025 Discussion

1:00 - 1:25

*Ryland Taylor (DNR)* will lead a discussion on regulations and what the Council would like to focus on for 2025.

Action: Informative update

Materials: None

### Regulations

- Council can now develop regulations
- Regulations pause Dec-Feb. We will look to submit before second quarter next year
- Mentimeter Activity: Potential first set of regulations
- Questions:
  1. How do you feel about these as regulations?
    - Filling out the "application/form to be approved by the council" (Screening form) **AGREE**
    - Using the "map adopted by the council" (CRAB map) **AGREE**
    - Waiver process **AGREE**
    - Exemption process **AGREE**
  2. Should we establish a regular meeting cadence devoted to reviewing and proposing regulations?
    - **Top Response: Short time on every meeting**
    - **Second: every 2nd quarter**
  3. Do you have any other suggestions on regulations we should look into? Or any general comments/suggestions
    - Not a regulation - future amendments to allow 'teeth' via fines or permit denial.
    - Regarding mtg cadence ...recommend 1 full mtg focused on Regs + a little bit of time @ each mtg.
    - Make the meetings a bit longer and include regulation discussion time in each meeting, as applicable.
    - Revise the current regulation to use the latest tidal datum available
    - Schedule regulation meetings as needed.
    - Application to riverine CRAB
    - Extend the meeting to be longer than 1 hour to allocate for discussions about regulations. Also, we could create brief descriptions about regulations before the meetings to try to save time.
    - Ask for the bill to be amended to include a regularity to re-mapping efforts, such as every 5 years

### 2025 Discussion

- 2024 Recap: Mostly outreach to other agencies
- Ideas: online screening to increase accountability
  - **Feedback:** It would help on accountability as it would allow for more effective review tracking
  - Public facing or internal? Florida has a requirement that companies post everything publicly to help with enforcement
    - **Feedback:** Potential critical infrastructure questions
    - **Feedback:** It would be good to have exemptions and waivers up. Is there an existing agency section that we could put a Coast Smart section
    - We are reporting numbers of projects now, so it would just be an expansion of that.
- **Action Item:** If there are any ideas for meeting agendas please send to Ryland

Next Meeting: February 26, 2025 12:30-1:30

- Thank you to Ryland for all your work this year!
- Open to public comment:
  - Ocean City planner: Coastal Zone Management program developing method to extend Maryland's regulations into Federal waters. Wondering if there is a connection to Coast Smart. **Group to discuss further and follow up with the planner.**
- Next Steps
  - Same meeting format as this year: please hold the final Wednesday of the month from 12:30-1:30.
- No other responses.