

CRITICAL AREA TRAINING FOR LOCAL PLANNERS

November 20, 2019

Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center
600 Discovery Ln, Grasonville, MD 21638

AGENDA

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 9:40 Welcome

Track A – Critical Area 101

9:45 – 10:45 *CAC Staff will discuss history of the Critical Area law, provide an overview of Critical Area development requirements and review example applications. Topics will include stormwater management for small sites, forest and Buffer mitigation, and planting plans.*

10:45 – 11:00 BREAK

11:00 – Noon *CAC Staff will review submitting projects for comment, Consistency Reports, Conditional Approvals, and the Variance process.*

Track B – Challenges and Strategies for Implementing Restoration Programs using Fee-In Lieu and Other Funds

9:45 – 10:45 *Speakers will review various aspects of planning, strategizing and implementing restoration projects partly using fee-in-lieu funds.*

Tom Leigh, Chesapeake Bay Foundation Stormwater Circuit Rider
Eric Buehl, University of Maryland Sea Grant Extension, Watershed Restoration
Tyler Walston, Environmental Planner, Wicomico County

10:45 – 11:00 BREAK

11:00 – Noon *Small Group Break-outs*
Participants will break into facilitated small groups to collaborate on strategies to improve local fee-in-lieu programs.

Noon – 1:00 LUNCH – Lunch will be provided on-site.

1:00 – 1:30 Comprehensive Review of Local Critical Area Programs
Charlotte Shearin, Regional Program Chief, Critical Area Commission

1:30 – 2:30 Local Critical Area Program Alternatives
Speakers will review specific provisions in their local Critical Area programs to highlight different ways to adapt programs for local needs.
Cheryl Lewis, Town of Oxford, Coastal Resiliency
Brian Soper, Dorchester County Buffer Plantings
Nick Kelly & Jen Esposito, CAC, Talbot County's Buffer Establishment Provisions

2:30 – 3:00 Critical Area Enforcement
Kate Charbonneau, Executive Director, Critical Area Commission