

**Critical Area Commission  
Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays  
Meeting at 100 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland**

**May 4, 2022**

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**Project Implementation Subcommittee**

***Attendees:** Hertz (Chair), Grant, Jacobs, Laird, Mahoney, Malkus, Mangum, McCall, McDowell, Parker, Roberson, Varney-Alvarado*

**Item 1.** Commissioner Mahoney moved to approve the Project Subcommittee meeting minutes from the April 6 meeting. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Item 2. Maryland Department of Transportation – Maryland Port Administration (MDOT-MPA): Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island Ecosystem Restoration Project at Barren Island** Presented by Annie Sekerak

MDOT MPA is proposing to restore remote island habitat at Barren Island in Dorchester County. The project will occur in three phases, with Phase I expected to begin in fall 2022; Phase II in 2024-25; and Phase III to be determined by completion of Phases I and II.

Commissioner Hertz noted that the phasing image shows 4 phases rather than 3, with the 4<sup>th</sup> phase related to the wetland. Also asked if there was MHT approval that needs to be part of conditions of approval. Maura Morris (Maryland Environmental Service) replied that Phase 4 is the actual placement of dredged material to create the wetlands. Ms. Sekerak said that MHT concerns have been addressed, and they just want to be kept up to date. Commissioner McCall asked about DNR coordination/adaptive management process. Amanda Penafiel from the Maryland Port Administration responded that DNR is part of the adaptive management team so they can address any concerns that come up. This is when they'll check in and discuss resilience factors needed.

Commissioner Mahoney made a motion to approve subject to the conditions in the staff report. Commissioner Grant seconded. Commissioner Hertz abstained. All others voted in favor. Motion passed.