

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 Lobby
- 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 Buel, Maryland SeaGrant Extension, Watershed Restoration
Tyler Walton, 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 – Talbot County’s Buffer Establishment Provisions

2:30 – 3:00

Critical Area Enforcement

Kate Charbonneau, Executive Director, Critical Area Commission