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**Citizens Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Agenda**

**September 18-19, 2019**

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[**Stroud Water Research Center**](https://stroudcenter.org/)

**970 Spencer Road**

**Avondale, PA**

***Meeting Goal:***

1. Receive updates on CAC priority topics: Watershed Implementation Plans and Agricultural Conservation Practice Targeting, Monitoring and Tracking.
2. Learn about the region’s successful restoration partnerships.

**Wednesday, September 18**

**11:00 a.m. Call to Order and Welcome**……………………….………………….…..**Matt Ehrhart,** **Chair**

* Introduction of Members and Guests
* Opening Remarks about the Stroud Water Research Center and Meeting Agenda

**11:15 a.m. Updates from the Chesapeake Bay Program**…………………………..…………**Jim Edward,**

**Deputy Director, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office**

* Overviews of EPA Assessments of the Draft Jurisdictions’ Watershed Implementation Plans
* Conowingo Dam WIP awardees and workplans
* Land Policy BMPs
* EPA Funding

**12:00 p.m. Working Lunch**

**Presentation: Private Businesses and Nonprofits Accelerating Conservation Practices**

Turkey Hill and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Partnership

**Jenna Mitchell, PA State Director, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay**

**1:00 p.m. *CAC Priority: Watershed Implementation Plans***

**Updates from PA DEP**……………………………………………………………...**Kristin Wolf**

**Chesapeake Bay Program Coordinator,**

**PA Department of Environmental Protection**

* PA Watershed Implementation Plan
  + Funding
  + Addressing CAC’s comments on PA’s draft WIP
* County implementation plans

**1:45 p.m. Delaware River Watershed Initiative**……………………………...….**Andy Johnson, Director**

**Watershed Protection Program, William Penn Foundation**

**John Jackson, Senior Research Scientist, Stroud Water Research Center**

**3:00 p.m. Onsite Tour: Stroud Water Research Center**

* LEED platinum building and onsite stormwater infrastructure
* Education Facilities
* Restoration research on the White Clay Creek

**5:00 p.m. Meeting Recess**

**6:30 p.m. Dinner- Mendenhall Restaurant**

Members continue to discuss local river and Chesapeake Bay issues in an informal setting

[**Inn at Mendenhall**](https://www.brandywinehotels.com/mendenhall-inn/)

**323 Kennett Pike, Route 52**

**Chadds Ford, PA 19317**

**Thursday, September 19- Mendenhall Meeting Room**

***Hot Breakfast buffet available off the lobby starting at 6:30am.***

***(Check out of the hotel before the meeting begins.)***

**8:30 a.m. Call to Order**………………………...………………………..….…….…..**Matt Ehrhart,** **Chair**

* Approve May 2019 Meeting Minutes
* CAC Member Updates and Announcements
  + EC Meeting debrief, discussion lead Matt Ehrhart
  + Environmental Literacy Summit, discussion lead Chuck Herrick
* Staff Updates
* Set Dates for 2020 CAC Meetings

**9:15 a.m.** ***CAC Priority:*** ***Agricultural Conservation Practice Targeting, Monitoring and Tracking***

Presentation on the role the Chesapeake Conservancy plays at the Chesapeake Bay Program on BMP mapping and tracking

**Louis Keddell**

**Senior Geospatial Project Manager, Chesapeake Conservancy**

The Chesapeake Conservancy has a 6-year agreement with the CBP. Objectives Include:

1. Land Cover and Land Use Data (2) Hydrology and Ditches (3) BMP mapping and Tracking and, (4) General Geospatial Support. [Chesapeake Conservancy CBP Objectives Pre-Recorded Webinar](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKcZ-1Vq-G4)

This presentation will focus on Objective 3) in partnership with Chesapeake Commons and Drexel University, the Chesapeake Conservancy will to create a BMP opportunity data blueprint for the entire Chesapeake Bay watershed and a streamlined platform for project identification/prioritization, tracking and standardized reporting.

**10:15 a.m. Break**

**10:30 a.m. CAC Discussion, Final Thoughts and Action Items**

* Reflections on the Meeting Topics
* Discuss Action Items and Next Steps
* Ideas for November 2019 CAC meeting agenda in Washington, DC

**12:00 p.m. Adjourn**

*Remaining 2019 CAC Meeting Dates:*

November 21-22 in DC