



Chesapeake Bay Program
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May 14, 2024

Local Leadership Workgroup

Spring Quarterly Meeting

Meeting Goals

- How can watershed improvements and maintenance mitigate disasters and build resilience?
- Identify educational resources, technical assistance and funding
- Networking with colleagues from around the watershed

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Updates & Announcements

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Round Table Discussion

Environmental disaster mitigation, prevention, and response through watershed improvements

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Lunch & Learn

Key Bridge Collapse - Local Response to an Environmental Disaster

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US Army Corps of Engineers

Technical Assistance Programs for Flood Mitigation

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Community Rating System

Local successes and lessons learned when utilizing the National Flood Insurance Program's CRS.

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Environmental Finance Center

State and federal funding to support watershed restoration and disaster mitigation

Agenda

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Walking Tour of a Living Shoreline



Photo: Friends of Masonville Cove

Updates & Announcements

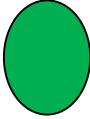
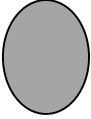
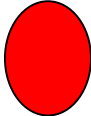


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Local Leadership Logic & Action Plan

- On track or complete – 14 actions 
- Risk of Getting Off-Track – 0 actions 
- Off Track – 0 actions 



Our current work plan
ends in February 2025

Help Complete an Action!

Local Leadership Survey

- Survey closes May 24, 2024
- Reminder email 5/20
- Current #s





Beyond 2025 Update

*Rachel Felver, Chesapeake Bay Program
Communications Director*

Spotlight

- Wandering Delmarva's Waterways – April 4-5, 2024



Local officials tour a dairy farm with new manure storage that reduces runoff



Tour participants saw the impacts of inland flooding



Local officials from DE, MD, and VA at Vanderwende Acres

Three horizontal lines in yellow, orange, and blue.

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Photo: WV Flood Tool

Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week

- When: June 1-9, 2024
- What: Annual event that celebrates the culture, history, and natural beauty of the nation's largest estuary.



Photo by: Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week



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Local Government Projects Roundtable Discussion

Environmental disaster mitigation, prevention, and
response through watershed improvements

Discussion Questions

- Is there a current/potential environmental disaster that a local government in your network is facing?
- What efforts have been made in the past to address?
How successful were they?

PA Case Study

Locality: Plunketts Creek Township, Lycoming County

Issue Addressed: Flooding

Funding: Natural resource damage settlement, foundation grants, donations, and PGC used their budgeted funds for habitat improvement.

Involved Parties: Pennsylvania Game Commission | Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy | 333rd Engineering Unit of the US Army Reserves | Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection | Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission | Lycoming County Conservation District

★ **Glows:** 333rd Engineering Unit of the US Army Reserves through the Innovative Readiness Training program

🌱 **Grows:** Timing and Worker Availability

Thanks to **Renee Carey**, Executive Director - Northcentral PA Conservancy for the information and photos! And **Megan Lehman** for the connection!



Before



After



During Hurricane Ida

MD Case Study

Locality: Point of Rocks, MD

Issue Addressed: Decommissioning a High Hazard Dam, improving Climate Resiliency, reducing personal and public assets within a Potomac direct tributary

Funding: The project was County-funded. Pond decommissioning will be partially funded through a Congressionally Earmarked funds utilizing FEMA's BRIC Grant

Involved Parties: Public/constituents, CSX, Maryland Transit Authority, Maryland Dept. of the Environment's Dam Safety and Waterways Division, the County's: Emergency Management, Dept. Planning and Permitting, Dept. of Public Works, Dept. of Energy and Environment, Design Consultant: Straughan Environmental, Inc., and the Contractor: Triangle Contracting LLC

★ **Glows:** Wildlife returning, structure removal, high hazard dam decommissioning.



Before



After





2 Years After



4 Years After

🌱 **Grows:** Utilizing existing walkways, design modifications, and invasive species management.

*Thanks to **Don Dorsey**, Dept. Head Stormwater – Division of Energy & Environment Division - Frederick County, MD for the information and photos! And **Shannon Moore** for the connection!*

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- **Locality:** Where did the project take place?
 - **Issue Addressed:** What environmental disaster was the project aimed at mitigating, preventing, or responding to?
 - **Funding:** How was the project funded?
 - **Involved Parties:** Who was part of the process (anytime from idea to implementation)?
 -  **Glow** - What went well? What shined? Highlight the success of the project (new partnerships formed, beautification, impact, cost, etc.)
 -  **Grow** - What lessons were learned that can be applied to the future? What are the areas for improvement?

Reflection

- **KB** - What is something you plan to take back with you to your work?
- **CB** - What additional resources do you think you'll need to address issues specific to your network of local governments?

Lunch

Will return at 12:15 pm

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Learn

12:15 – 1 pm

Topic:

Key Bridge Collapse - Local Response
to an Environmental Disaster

Speakers:

*Suzanne Dorsey, Deputy Secretary,
Maryland Department of the
Environment*

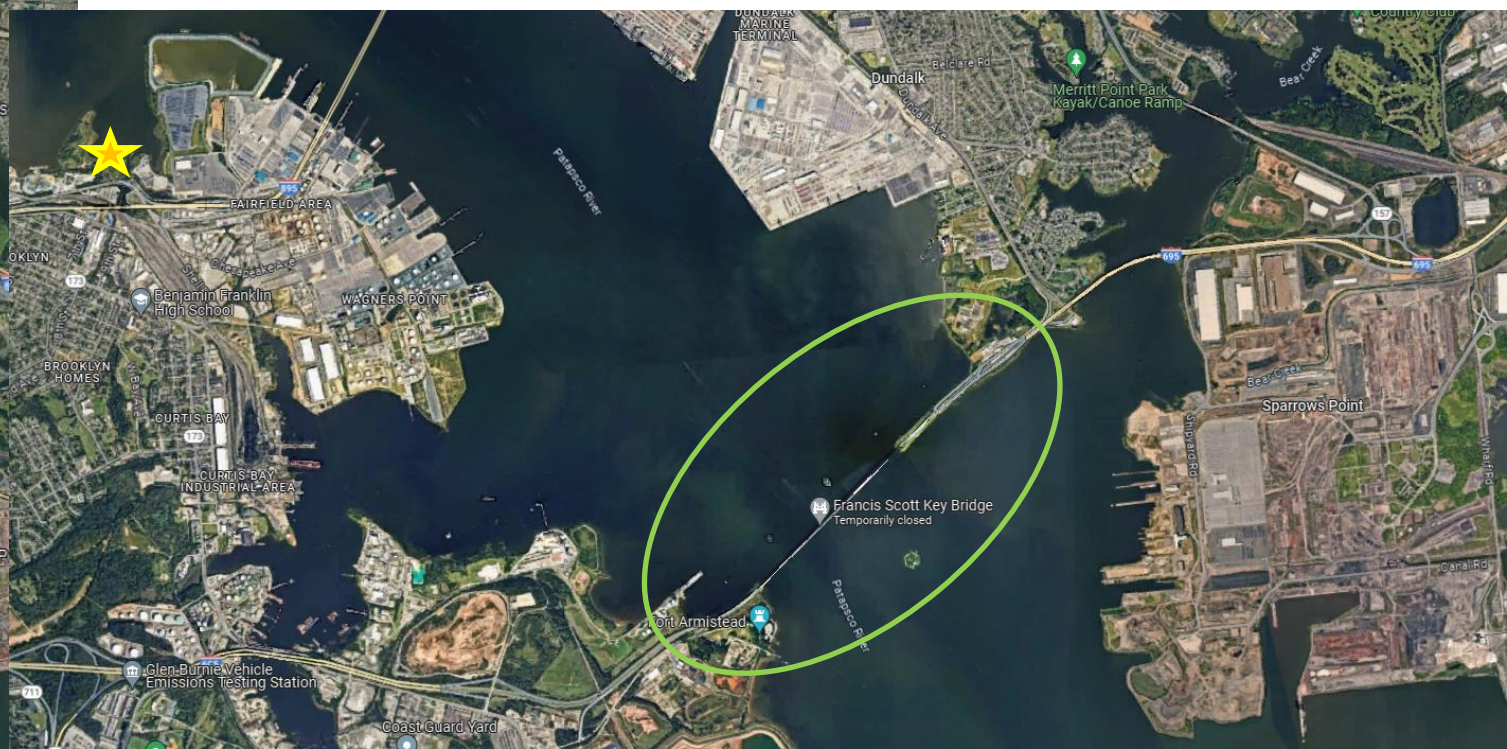
*Geoffrey Donahue, Emergency Division
Response Chief, Maryland Department of the
Environment*



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Masonville Cove
Key Bridge



*Local Leadership Workgroup
Quarterly Spring Meeting*

**We'll be back at
1 pm!**

Actions & Decisions

What actions and decisions have we made during this meeting?