



6TH ANNUAL MEETING

Growing the Partnership, Growing our Impact

October 5-6, 2015
National Conservation Training Center
Shepherdstown, WV

About the Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is central to achieving the mission of the Partnership: fostering collaborative action to conserve culturally and ecologically important landscapes to benefit people, economies, and nature throughout the six-state watershed. Since 2009, the annual meeting has convened a diverse group of committed partners to discuss planning and strategy, share successes, define actions, and make commitments to address the most challenging conservation issues facing our region. This year's meeting focuses on furthering several priority initiatives identified at the 2014 meeting and advanced over the past year by working groups and the Steering Committee.

Meeting Objectives

1. Broaden participation in the Partnership
2. Share and celebrate conservation progress & successes
3. Explore options for a coordinated approach to address mitigation funding
4. Determine collective conservation goals for the watershed
5. Energize work groups and connect people working on similar issues
6. Identify shared priorities and action items for the coming year

AGENDA

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2015

LOCATION

1:00pm	Check-in Begins Early arrivers are welcome to check-in any time after 1PM to check in to their lodge and explore the beautiful NCTC campus.	Registration Desk
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6:00pm	Meet for Dinner	Commons
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MONDAY OCTOBER 5, 2015

LOCATION

9:00am	Partnership Orientation (Optional) This session provides an overview of the past, present, and future of the Chesapeake Conservation Partnership. New participants are strongly encouraged to attend and past participants are welcome for a refresher. Presenter: Jonathan Doherty, Assistant Superintendent, National Park Service Chesapeake Bay	Auditorium
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10:00am	Break/NCTC Check-in Please arrive early enough to check in at the front desk well before the meeting begins at 11:00. You will need to obtain your meal pass before going to lunch.	Registration Desk
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11:00am	Meeting Begins: Welcome and Overview Opening Remarks: Chuck Hunt, Superintendent, National Park Service Chesapeake Bay and Joel Dunn, President & CEO, Chesapeake Conservancy Agenda Review: Bill Potapchuk, Facilitator Recognition of Attendees: Who is in the Room?	Auditorium
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11:30am	What's Been Happening in the Partnership? A fast paced overview of activities from the past year! Each presenter will have 90 seconds to share a "lightning" success or update with the group.	Auditorium
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12:00pm	Lunch	Commons
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1:15pm	Developing a Coordinated Approach to Mitigation Major infrastructure projects such as transportation and electrical and natural gas transmission pose significant threats to existing protected lands and future conservation efforts. At the same time, mitigation for impacts caused by these projects can offer a significant source of funding that can be directed towards conservation. This session will present preliminary research and findings from work over the past year and engage meeting participants in developing an approach to advance an effective and efficient mitigation approach. Conveners: Mitigation Strategy Ad Hoc Work Group Members	Gymnasium
2:30pm	Break	
2:50pm	Making the Case for Land Conservation: Developing Landscape Conservation Goals We do not have a clear statement of the long-term landscape conservation agenda that can be articulated to compel action. In this session we will work to build consensus on clear, inclusive, long-term landscape conservation goals that provide the foundation, rationale and shared narrative for public support and land conservation funding. Conveners: Landscape Conservation Goals Ad Hoc Work Group Members	Gymnasium
4:00pm	Bridging the Diversity and Inclusion Gap: Engaging New Partners in Our Work As we work to increase participation in the Partnership this year, we also want to be more inclusive: increasing our diversity and engaging a broader constituency in our work. Drawing on the first-hand experiences of the panelists, we will explore the roots of this diversity gap and explore actions we can take individually and collectively to bridge it. Stephen Adkins, Chief, Chickahominy Tribe Maite Arce, President & CEO, Hispanic Access Foundation Jim Foster, President, Anacostia Watershed Society Autumn Saxton-Ross, Washington DC Organizer, Outdoor Afro	Gymnasium
5:20pm	Overview of Day 2	Gymnasium
5:30pm	Group Photo	
5:30pm-7:30pm	Dinner	Commons
7:30pm	Conversation and Networking	Bar Area

TUESDAY OCTOBER 6, 2015

6:30am-8:30am	Breakfast	Commons
8:30am	Review Highlights from Day 1	Gymnasium
8:45am	Hot Topics in the Chesapeake Partners from across the watershed will provide updates and share information about current conservation topics and projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Connecting People to Heritage & the Great Outdoors along the Susquehanna Mark Platts, President, Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area➤ Continuing Efforts to Map and Document Indigenous Cultural Landscapes John Reynolds, Chair, Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail Advisory Council Virginia Busby, Commissioner, Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs➤ Advocacy Campaign to Protect the James River Rob Nieweg, Field Director & Attorney, National Trust for Historic Preservation Sharee Williamson, Associate General Counsel, National Trust for Historic Preservation	Gymnasium
9:30am	Break	
9:45am	Hot Topics in the Chesapeake, continued <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Preliminary Recommendations from the Chesapeake Land Trust Assessment Samuel Stokes, President, MARPAT Foundation➤ Regional Coordination of Science, Data and Tools to Protect Habitat Lori Scott, Chief Information Officer, NatureServe Andrew Milliken, North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Coordinator, US Fish & Wildlife Service➤ Precision Conservation: Enhancing the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Collective Actions at the Local Scale Jeffrey Allenby, Director of Conservation Technology, Chesapeake Conservancy	Gymnasium
10:30am	Introduce Work Group Sessions and Transition to Work Groups	

Each 90 minute work group session is designed to explore challenges and opportunities around a key issue or topic area. These facilitated group discussions will allow participants to work together to identify active next steps.

1. Land Trust Capacity Building (Classroom 201)

Convenors: Kevin Case, Northeast Director, Land Trust Alliance and Samuel Stokes, President, MARPAT Foundation

Facilitator: Don Owen, Potomac River Circuit Rider, Land Trust Alliance

2. Developing a Coordinated Mitigation Approach (Classroom 103)

Convenors: Russ Baxter, Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources, Virginia and Chris Miller, President, Piedmont Environmental Council

Facilitator: Jonathan Doherty, Assistant Superintendent, National Park Service Chesapeake Bay

3. Habitat Conservation Strategies (Classroom 107)

Convenors: Mike Slattery, Chesapeake Coordinator, US Fish and Wildlife Service; Joe McCauley, Chief, Division of Realty, US Fish and Wildlife Service; and Andrew Milliken, North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Coordinator, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Facilitator: Bob Campbell, Chief of Planning & Development, National Park Service Chesapeake Bay

4. Historic Preservation and Cultural Landscape Conservation (Classroom 105)

Convenors: Elizabeth Hughes, Acting Director/SHPO, Maryland Historical Trust; Virginia Busby, Commissioner, Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs; and Nicholas Redding, Director, Preservation Maryland

Facilitator: Suzanne Copping, Chief of Resource Protection and Partnerships, National Park Service Chesapeake Bay

5. Working Lands Conservation (Classroom 111)

Convenors: Jim Baird, Mid-Atlantic Director, American Farmland Trusts; and Sally Claggett, Chesapeake Liaison, US Forest Service

Facilitator: Jackie Kramer, Outdoor Recreation Planner, National Park Service Chesapeake Bay

12:15pm- 1:30pm	Lunch	Commons
1:30pm	Beyond the Annual Meeting: Identifying Actions and Commitments This session will focus on identifying the priority actions for the Partnership over the coming year and the work groups and organizations committed to carrying those priorities forward.	Gymnasium
2:30pm	Closing Reflections	Gymnasium
3:00pm	Adjourn	