

Thursday, March 13, 2014

3:00 p.m. Green Infrastructure Tour and Networking Reception for Local Elected Officials

Elected officials from the Richmond Region are invited to join LGAC members for a tour of green infrastructure installations at Virginia's capital complex. The tour is being provided by the Virginia office of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay. A brief networking reception will follow from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. *Meet in lobby of Commonwealth Park Suites Hotel.*

7:00 p.m. Dinner at Sam Miller's, 1210 East Cary Street, Richmond

LGAC members will be joined by special guests Joseph Gill, Secretary, Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MD DNR) and Principals' Staff Committee Chair, and Frank Dawson, Deputy Secretary MD DNR

Friday, March 14, 2014

**Breakfast on your own*

8:00 a.m. Call to Order/Introductions (Mayor Gray, Chair)

8:15 a.m. Citizen Monitoring

Presenters: Anna Mathis, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
James Beckley, Quality Assurance Coordinator, VA DEQ

Members will learn about a successful citizen monitoring program, including how data is used by a state agency.

Desired Outcome: Gain a better understanding of the value of and limitations to citizen monitoring. This information will be used to inform LGAC's input to the Science and Technical Analysis and Reporting Team (STAR) BASIN review process.

9:30 a.m. Bay Program Indicators: Effectively Communicating Progress

Presenter: Carin Bisland and Nita Sylvester, US EPA

The Indicators Workgroup promotes the development of indicators that effectively communicate progress in the restoration of living resources, water quality and habitat in the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed. The workgroup provides guidance to Scientific and Technical Analysis and Reporting Team and the other teams and workgroups that have the responsibility for the selection of appropriate metrics and the analysis and interpretation of data for individual indicators.

Desired Outcomes:

1. Gain a better understanding of Bay Program Indicators in order to provide the CBP with guidance on what indicators are of most interest to local governments and how best to convey information to local government.
2. Identify next steps for LGAC members and/or Coordinator

Recommended Actions:

1. Provide initial feedback related to indicators of most interest to local governments
2. Provide initial feedback related to how best to convey indicator information to local governments
3. Select a small group of members to serve as advisors
4. Continue discussion at June meeting

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Bay Program Updates

Presenters: Joseph Gill, Secretary, MD Department of Natural Resources & PSC Chair
Frank Dawson, Deputy Secretary MD DNR
Nick DiPasquale, Director, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program

- Draft Bay Agreement Review Update
- Management Strategies
- Stormwater Finance Initiatives
- FY14 Appropriations

11:30 a.m. Business Meeting

- Approval of December 2013 Minutes (Handout #1)
- Executive Committee Report (Chair, Mayor Gray)
- Communications Committee Report (Chair, Sheila Finlayson)
- Bay Agreement Workgroup Report (Dave Dunmyer)
- Strategic Plan Review/Update (Handout #2)
 - Activity since the last report is highlighted
- Election of new Chair and Vice-Chairs (one per jurisdiction)

12:30 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. Report to the Executive Council

Issues to be addressed in Annual Report (identified at June 2013 LGAC meeting)

1. Diminishing staff resources at state agencies
2. Pool of skilled contractors is inadequate
3. Lack of protocols for reporting BMPs

Desired Outcome: Identify any amendments or additions.

1:30 p.m. New Business/Announcements for the Good of the Committee/Future Agenda Items

Growing Greener Grant (PA) for Local Government Watershed Forums (Attachment #3)

Possible Agenda Items:

- *Monitoring – A Tiered Approach* Presenter: Peter Tango
- *Oysters/Fisheries GIT* Presenters: Peyton Robertson and Bruce Vogt, NOAA
- *BMP Verification* Presenter/s: TBD

Upcoming Events/Meetings

2:00 p.m. Adjourn