



Chesapeake NEMO (Network for Education of Municipal Officials) helps communities foster well-planned growth, preserve water quality and protect natural areas.

- Are you struggling to preserve some of the rural character your community prizes?
- Are you wrestling with how to control polluted runoff from construction sites and new development?
- Are you stumped by how to encourage well planned growth that keeps your community vibrant?

If any of these - or a host of related issues - apply to you and your community, find out how Chesapeake NEMO helps communities link land, water and growth.

About NEMO

Chesapeake NEMO provides communities in the Chesapeake watershed and coastal bays with educational programs emphasizing natural resource-based planning and better site design. We deliver free technical help and leverage funding to assist communities in implementing sound planning and watershed protection.

Chesapeake NEMO draws its name from a program operating in more than 30 states and focusing on educating local decision makers about the links between land use and natural resources.

Chesapeake NEMO is partnership network among educational institutions, non-profit organizations and state and federal agencies. They link programs - and collaborate on NEMO assistance teams - to expand education, technical help and financial support for local governments.

NEMO Education

NEMO provides workshops - tailored to local needs - for helping local governments and their stakeholders foster well-planned growth, preserve water quality and protect natural areas. The goal

of each workshop is to assist local decision makers with tangible actions toward protecting their community's resources. These actions span a wide range, from revisions to policies to specific changes in regulations or development practices.

NEMO workshops take place in communities and are free of charge. We work with community contacts to ensure the format and audience for a workshop maximizes chances for positive follow up. The ideal audience is a group with broad representation from local government and interested local organizations. Presentations are delivered by knowledgeable staff from agencies and organizations in the NEMO partnership. Each presenter has a background in land use or watershed management.

NEMO currently offers the following workshops:

Linking Land, Water and Growth

This introductory workshop focuses on the relationship of land use and growth to a community's natural resources and

quality of life, with a special emphasis on clean water. The workshop explores how communities change over time, and how that can affect the streams, water supply and natural areas that support local citizens and community character.



Planning the Direction of Your Community

This workshop – a companion to “Linking Land, Water and Growth” – focuses on

choices all communities face and on the tools and approaches a community can use for setting its direction - and reaching that destination in the future. It emphasizes factoring your community's



natural resources into the direction-setting process. The workshop explains the role of comprehensive plans, community visioning, ordinances and other tools for guiding a community's future.

Other Topics

Other NEMO workshops are being developed to address more specific topics. If you don't see a workshop that fits your needs, contact us. We are happy to consider adding topics or making arrangements for custom designed sessions.

NEMO Technical Assistance



Need help? Chesapeake NEMO provides technical assistance for helping communities with locally-supported initiatives to develop and

implement strategies for ensuring well-planned growth, preserving water quality and/or protecting natural areas.

Assistance teams are assembled from organizations in the NEMO network. A team might involve individuals from one to four organizations, selected to best match the needs of the requesting local government. The nature and timing of assistance are tailored to the local need, and coordinated with appropriate NEMO workshops and assistance from existing grant programs.

NEMO teams provide help in three broad areas:

Creating Your Vision

Where's your community headed? What is your vision of the future? All communities change over time - sometimes ending in a place no-one envisioned. But some communities make conscious choices, planning towards a clear vision of the future. How do they do it? NEMO technical assistance teams can help communities: plan a process for developing community vision and goals, facilitate visioning sessions, and suggest strategies for involving stakeholders.

Assess Your Resources

What are your community's valuable resources? All communities have treasured places. But all communities also depend on a network of natural resources that protect water quality, provide for recreation, support fishing and wildlife and

maintain community health and character. What's the first step in ensuring these resources are maintained? Determining what's there and what's important to protect. NEMO assistance teams can help communities: plan a resource assessment process, access natural resource expertise, and suggest strategies for involving citizens.

Manage Your Future

Managing your community's future is a challenging and constant task. How do you build in ongoing strategies for ensuring well-planned growth, protecting water quality and preserving important natural areas? Communities employ many tools to manage their way towards their vision of the future. How do they do it? NEMO technical assistance teams can help communities: develop a strategic planning process, facilitate natural resource and conservation planning, access expertise on low impact development standards, and develop implementation programs.

Financial Assistance

Need help funding planning, conservation or restoration? NEMO works closely with several partners' funding programs to provide communities with linked technical assistance, educational workshops and funding for locally-supported initiatives to ensure well-planned growth, preserve water quality and/or protect natural areas. Through these programs, communities can request funding and NEMO assistance simultaneously.



Contact Chesapeake NEMO

For more information – or to schedule a workshop, inquire about technical assistance or learn about our partner organization's financial assistance opportunities – contact us:

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