

AGENDA

2018 Chesapeake Bay Program Conservation District and PA Agency Staff Meeting

Elaine Langone Center, 2nd Floor, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA

March 12, 2018

- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM** **Continental Breakfast/Networking (Terrace Room)**
- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM** **Registration (Hallway)**
- 9:00 AM – 9:05 AM** **Welcome (Forum Room)**
Doug Goodlander, Environmental Program Manager, DEP Bureau of Clean Water Operations Division
- 9:05 AM – 9:15 AM** **Opening Remarks (Forum Room)**
DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell
- 9:15 AM – 10:30 AM** **Innovative Partnerships and Project Spotlight (Forum Room)**
- Regional Soil Health Initiative and Partnership
Lisa Blazure, Clinton Conservation District
Bill Chain, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
A unique partnership involving three conservation districts, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Penn State University, planners, and farmers working to meet the goals of the NRCS RCPP initiative.
- Wyoming County Pipeline Partnership
Chris Faux, Wyoming Conservation District
- DCNR's Stream ReLeaf Project: Planting More Acres of Riparian Forest Buffers Through Partnership
Matt Keefer, Assistant State Forester, DCNR Bureau of Forestry
Teddi Stark, Riparian Forest Buffer Coordinator, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Bureau of Forestry
The Riparian Forest Buffer Advisory Committee was formed by DCNR to help meet their goal of planting 95,000 new acres of Riparian Forest Buffers by 2025. Committee members hail from over 40 Pennsylvania organizations involved in Riparian Forest Buffer work. This session will discuss how the partnerships formed, initial challenges, and how the partners involved are ultimately benefiting from working together.
- 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM** **Break**
- 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM** **Inspection Program Update (Forum Room)**
Jill Whitcomb, Nonpoint Source Compliance Section, DEP Bureau of Clean Water
Dan Miloser, Agriculture Team Leader, Chester County Conservation District
An update will be provided on the Bay Ag Inspection Program. The update will include results, successes/lessons learned, and reviewing frequently asked questions from the past year. The presentation will also cover time management strategies for meeting expected deliverables for multiple different programs.

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11:30 AM – Noon	<p>Producer and Staff Interaction, Part 1: Effective Communication with Producers (Forum Room)</p> <p>Ken Pacanowski, Heritage Land Consulting, LLC</p> <p><i>This presentation will provide attendees with techniques for engaging with producers to encourage a positive outcome for their farms and for the environment.</i></p>
Noon – 1:00 PM	<p>Lunch (Terrace Room)</p>
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	<p>Producer and Staff Interaction, Part 2: Avoiding, Deescalating and Resolving Conflict with Producers (Forum Room)</p> <p>Hector Baez, Special Investigator II, DEP Bureau of Investigation</p> <p><i>Effective communication is a key to resolving conflict. Understanding how we communicate and steps to gaining compliance through effective communication will be reviewed.</i></p>
1:30 PM to 2:30 PM	<p>Telling the Local Story (Forum Room)</p> <p>Emily Trentacoste, Environmental Scientist, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office Matt Johnston, Non-Point Source Data Analyst, University of MD and Chesapeake Bay Program Office</p> <p><i>An overwhelming amount of information exists that can help local areas and groups set restoration goals, develop strategies, and prioritize and focus efforts. The Chesapeake Bay Program has been working with Pennsylvania's Watershed Implementation Plan Steering Committee and workgroups to provide tools that can be used to integrate water quality modeling, monitoring, and science to inform local planning efforts.</i></p>
2:30 PM to 3:30 PM	<p>Program Update and Progress Open Forum (Forum Room)</p> <p>Nicki Kasi, Environmental Program Manager, DEP Chesapeake Bay Office, and other DEP staff members</p> <p><i>This open forum session will cover program updates, district progress, and district staff challenges and concerns shared in the recent Bay technician survey.</i></p>
3:30 PM	<p>Meeting Concludes</p>