Agenda

8:30 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 am  Welcome and Introductions
Sarah Taylor Rogers, Assistant Director, Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology
David Dahlstrom, Eastern Shore Representative, Maryland Chapter of the American Planning Association

9:10 am  Session 1: Agricultural Economic Development and Diversification
**Purpose:** To provide a greater understanding of the economic issues surrounding the viability of the region’s agricultural operations; the efforts to diversify operations in order to remain profitable; the challenges presented by the diversification efforts; and the support provided by others to assist with these efforts.

**Presenters:**
Mrs. Jennie Schmidt, Co-Owner of Schmidt Family Farms & Owner of Schmidt Vineyard Management Company
Judy and Roy Crow, owners of Crow Vineyard
Efforts to assist in moving the wine industry forward (includes new regulations governing sales at farmers markets, Chesapeake Wine Trail brochure, Economic Regional Councils, MARBIDCO); Panelist to be announced

**Facilitator:** Susan Harrison, Executive Director, LEAD Maryland

10:25 am  Break

10:40 am  Session Two: Infrastructure Creation - Broadband Development
**Purpose:** Use the Example of Broadband Development as a case study to explore the need for Infrastructure Creation to strengthen our communities and accommodate new business development.

**Presenters:**
Tyler Patton, Vice President of Public Affairs for the Maryland Broadband Cooperative
Dr. Michael Scott, Professor of Geography and Graduate Program Director at Salisbury University
Paige Bethke, Director, Talbot County Office of Economic Development

**Facilitator:** Doris Mason, Executive Director, Upper Shore Regional Council
Noon                Lunch

1:00 pm  Session 3: Accounting for Growth Policy
Purpose: To provide background and overview about the proposed Accounting for Growth policy; obtain an understanding of the workgroup’s recommendations; and identify actions / decisions for local governments to consider.

Presenters: David Costello, Deputy Secretary for Policy & Planning, Maryland Department of the Environment
Sandy Coyman, Talbot County Planning and Zoning and Workgroup Member

Facilitator: Keith Hall, Planner, Transportation and Long Range Planning, Wicomico County

2:30 pm  Break

2:45 pm  Session 4: Growth and Development: How to navigate the new regulations
Purpose: Discuss challenges and policy with regard to Energy Code. The numerous responsibilities for owners and contractors to be prepared for permitting process and the dilemmas of permitting departments.

Presenters: David St. Jean, Program Manager, Maryland Energy Administration
Manuel Vera, Demand Side Commercial Management Program Manager, PEPCO
Donald Richardson, Code Official, Town of Easton

Facilitator: Karen Houtman, Planner, Town of Snow Hill

3:50 pm  Overview of the 2014 Legislative Session

Les Knapp, Legal and Policy Counsel, Maryland Association of Counties
Candace Donoho, Director, Governmental Relations, Maryland Municipal League

Facilitator: Nancy Nunn, Education and Outreach Coordinator, Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology

Summary of the Day’s Sessions

Facilitator: Lynn Thomas, Planning Director, Town of Easton