



HARRY R. HUGHES CENTER FOR
AGRO-ECOLOGY, INC.

Upper Eastern Shore WIP Workshop September 30, 2016



Purpose of the meeting:

- To communicate the 2-year milestone commitments, status of Bay restoration and also the progress made through our partnerships with local governments, conservation districts and private sector.
- To identify funding opportunities, explain ranking process, application process and use of restoration funds so as to maximize opportunities for restoration.
- To provide a summary of the upcoming midpoint assessment elements and timeline through the completion of the Phase III WIP, including Conowingo infill.
- To share EPA preliminary expectations and begin collaborating on the alignment of local and State priorities as we contemplate the Phase III WIP.

9:00 – 9:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:30 am	Welcome Dr. Suzanne Dorsey Executive Director, Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, Inc.
	Overview Lee Currey, Director, Science Services Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment
9:35 – 10:10	State and Local Progress Dr. Jim George Manager, Water Quality Restoration & Accountability Program, Maryland Department of the Environment
	Jason Keppler Watershed Implementation Program Manager, Office of Resource Conservation, Maryland Department of Agriculture
10:10 – 10:20	Q&A
10:20 – 10:40	Overview of the Upcoming Midpoint Assessment and Phase III WIP – Lee Currey, Director, Science Services Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment
10:40 – 10:50	Q&A

10:50 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 11:45	Bay Restoration Funding and Financing - Jim George, Moderator Financial Piece: Future Funding Bay Restoration Fund Jag Khuman Director, Water Quality Financing Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment Trust Fund Gabe Cohee Director, Restoration Financing Division, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Funding from the Local Perspective Eric Buehl Mid and Upper Shore Regional Watershed Restoration Specialist, Maryland Sea Grant Extension
11:45 – noon	Q & A
12 pm – 12:45 pm	Lunch
12:45 – 1:05 pm	Improving the Permit Process for Watershed Restoration Projects Denise Keehner, Program Manager, Wetlands & Waterways Program Maryland Department of the Environment William Seiger, Chief, Waterway Construction Division Maryland Department of the Environment
1:05 – 1:20 pm	Q&A
1:20 – 2:30 pm	Expectations for the Phase III WIP & Local Engagement Process State Perspective: Jim George (MDE) and Jason Keppler (MDA) Local Perspective: Amy Moredock, Director of Planning, Housing and Zoning Kent County Leslie Grunden, Environmental and Facilities Planner Caroline County

2:30 – 3:00 pm **Q&A with Panel: Jim George, Jason Keppler, Lee Currey,
Amy Moredock and Leslie Grunden**

3:00 pm **Wrap Up: Dr. Suzanne Dorsey**

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