



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

Fall 2016 WIP Workshops

Agenda



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.
9:35 – 10:00	State and Local Progress - Jim George (MDE) & Jason Keppler (MDA)
10:00 – 10:20	Overview of the Upcoming Midpoint Assessment and Phase III WIP – Lee Currey, Director, Science Services Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment
10:20 – 10:30	Q&A
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 12:30	Bay Restoration Funding and Financing - Jim George, Moderator Financial Piece: Future Funding Bay Restoration Fund Jag Kuhman Director, Water Quality Financing Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment

**Trust Fund
Gabe Cohee
Director, Restoration Financing Division
Maryland Department of Natural Resources**

Regional Watershed Specialist Perspectives

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch

**1:30 – 1:50 pm Improving the Permit Process for Watershed Restoration Projects
Lynn Buhl or Denise Keehner,
Maryland Department of the Environment**

1:50 – 2:00pm Q&A

2:00 – 3:00 pm Expectations for the Phase III WIP & Local Engagement Process

**Presentation: Jim George
Manager, Water Quality Restoration & Accountability Program
Maryland Department of Environment**

Local Perspective (One or Two Local Reps)

Q&A with Panel: Jim George, Jason Kepler, Lee Currey and Local Reps

3:00 pm Wrap Up

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