

Maryland's Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

Public Comment Period

On December 15, 2011, Maryland provided EPA with a preliminary draft of the State's Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP). The purpose of the preliminary draft was to provide EPA with an opportunity to confirm that the proposed strategies would meet the Bay TMDL goals. Based on results from EPA, updated draft documents are available at http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Water/TMDL/TMDLImplementation/Pages/DRAFT_PhaseII_WIPDocument_Main.aspx for public review and comment from **January 26, 2012 through March 9, 2012**.

Comments on the draft Phase II WIP should be submitted in writing to MDE no later than March 9, 2012 by email (**preferred**) to: wipcoordinator@mde.state.md.us or by post to: Tom Thornton, Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard – Suite 540, Baltimore MD 21230-1718.

All comments received during the comment period will be considered as the State continues to refine the Phase II WIP for submittal to EPA on March 30, 2012. Comments will be consolidated and responses provided in a document that will be available on MDE's website.

A series of regional public informational meetings on the draft Phase II WIP will take place during the comment period. Please note that formal comments will **not** be taken at the public meetings; rather, these meetings are to answer questions about the WIP.

Meeting Schedule attached.

2012 Phase II WIP Public Meetings

Monday, February 6, 2012

1:00 – 3:30 pm

General Public Meeting for the Eastern Shore

Washington College

Hodson Hall, Hynson Lounge

300 Washington Avenue

Chestertown, Maryland 21620

(Participants should park in lot next to Kirby Stadium or behind the Gibson Center for the Arts.)

For directions and campus map, visit <http://www.washcoll.edu>

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

6:30 – 9:00 pm

General Public Meeting: Meeting to be held at the 4-H Center in College Park and videoconferenced to the Frostburg University, Salisbury University, and College of Southern Maryland

The Maryland 4-H Center

8020 Greenmead Drive

College Park, Maryland 20740

For directions, visit <http://www.maryland4h.org>

Videoconference sites:

College of Southern Maryland

Center for Business and Industry, Room # BI113

8730 Mitchell Road

La Plata, Maryland 20646

For directions and campus map, visit www.csmd.edu

Please park in Lot #6.

Frostburg University

Lane Center, Room 111

101 Braddock Road

Frostburg, Maryland 21532-2303

For directions and campus map, visit <http://www.frostburg.edu/fsumap/>

Please park in PAC lot.

Salisbury University

Perdue Hall Auditorium

1101 Camden Avenue

Salisbury, Maryland 21801

For directions and campus map, visit <http://www.salisbury.edu>
Participants should park in parking lots A & B. Parking permits are required and can be obtained at http://www.salisbury.edu/police/parking/visitor_parking.asp

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

1:00 – 3:30 pm

General Public Meeting for Western Maryland
Hagerstown Community College
Career Programs Building, Classrooms 210 and 212
11400 Robinwood Drive
Hagerstown, Maryland 21742

For directions and campus map, visit <http://www.hagerstowncc.edu>

Thursday, March 1, 2012

6:30 – 9:00 pm

General Public Meeting for Central Maryland
Baltimore County Agricultural Center
1114 Shawan Road
Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

For directions, visit <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/recreation>

Please carpool if possible.

Monday, March 5, 2012

2:00 – 4:00 pm

General Public Meeting for All
Maryland Department of Environment
First Floor Aeris, Aqua, and Terra Conference Rooms located behind MDE reception desk
(Participants need to register at reception desk)

1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1718

For directions and parking instructions, please visit

<http://www.mde.state.md.us/aboutmde/DirectionstoMDE/Pages/AboutMDE/Directions/index.aspx>

The Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology has worked with the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Department of Agriculture to schedule these meetings and funding through the Town Creek Foundation has made all of this possible.

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<http://www.agroecol.umd.edu>