



Winter 2010 Maryland Planning Directors Roundtable

Thursday, January 21, 2010

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Banneker-Douglass Museum – Annapolis

AGENDA

8:30 Sign-in and Networking

10:00 Introductions and Opening Remarks by Rich Josephson, AICP, Director of Planning Services

10:15 Introduction to the New Federal Chesapeake Bay Strategy – Goals, Approaches and Tools (Applying for AICP CM Credit)

Mr. Chuck Fox, Advisor to the Administrator, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Fox will describe the Bay Strategy as a Federal, State and Local initiative. Covered will be federal funding programs, technical assistance, consequences and measurement methods.

This is your opportunity to inform Mr. Fox about how land use planning can positively impact Bay clean-up efforts.

Prepare to discuss with him your jurisdiction's answers to the following questions:

- Local Governments are already doing a lot to contain current and new sources of pollution. What sources of funding, assistance and tools are needed from the federal level to do more?
- How are your land use planning and smart growth efforts contributing to the goal of cleaning up the Bay? Share your innovative efforts and initiatives that go beyond stormwater management that you feel are doing a great job toward cleaning up the Bay — e.g. land preservation, compact development.
- What are your concerns that land use and smart growth efforts can't be proven to contribute to Bay clean-up?

11:15 Mediation: A Positive Approach to Conflict Resolution (Applying for CM Credit)

Ramona Buck, Public Policy Director, Maryland's Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO)

Ms. Buck will discuss recent events in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) that can help better address conflicts in planning. She will talk about the conflict mediation and facilitation assistance that is available to planning directors and their staff. Ms. Buck will answer your questions about MACRO and ADR.

11:40 State Planning Updates by Secretary Hall

12:00 Conclusion

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