



# PATUXENT RIVER COMMISSION

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*We, the Patuxent River Commission, envision a Patuxent River ecosystem as vital and productive in 2050 as it was in the 1950s. We therefore commit to be stewards and advocates for the Patuxent River and to lead and inspire actions to protect, enhance, and restore living resources and the natural, cultural, economic, and recreational values of the Patuxent River and its watershed.*

☀ Please call Daniel Rosen at MDP 410-767-4577 if you have any questions or comments.

## MEETING SUMMARY

**November 8, 2017**

**Maryland Department of Agriculture**

**Annapolis, MD**

**4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

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**Members:** Fred Tutman, Co-Chair; Christopher Perry, Vice-Chair; Erik Michelsen; Erica Hahn; Mary Kay Sigaty; Michael Snyder; Martin Chandler; Mark Symborski; Katina Shoulars; Sandy Spencer; Al Tucker; Barbara Sollner-Webb; Guy Curley; Brenda Sanford (for Steve Darcy); John Downs (for Luis Dieguez); Byron Petrauskas; Matt Rowe; Jenn Raulin (for Alison Armocida); Jason Dubow; Sandy Hertz; Mark Mendelsohn; Robin Forte

**MDP Staff:** Jason Dubow, Deborah Herr Cornwell, and Daniel Rosen

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 13, 2017 meeting were adopted unanimously.

### Update – Patuxent River Challenge

Jason Dubow provided an update from La Verne Gray who is leading the outreach project. They've met with local tourism officials and the Challenge will be promoted in each of the tourism offices. A brochure is being developed and the activity will begin in January. The Patuxent River Commission could consider issuing a proclamation recognizing the Challenge.

### Sewage Spill Notification Guidance document

Fred Tutman and Barbara Sollner-Webb reported on their meeting with the Environmental Health Liaison Committee noting that they recommended to the group that the notification process be consistent across all jurisdictions.

Jim George, MDE provided a status update on the guidance document; it is ready to be distributed to the Patuxent River Commission for review. Jim noted that the guidance document could potentially

lead to regulation changes. He also provided written responses to the PRC's original comments. In a preliminary discussion of the document, the PRC indicated that they wanted to comment on how the document is distributed to the jurisdictions.

### **Nutrient Trading Workgroup**

The Pluses and Minuses Document developed from the workgroup's discussion on November 3, 2017 was presented to the Commission.

The Commission discussed how to review and comment on the pending legislation noting that with the diversity of the members it would be difficult to have a consensus on all points. It was decided that all Commission members submit their comments to Jason by November 16, 2017. The compiled comments would then be vetted by the workgroup and the final document sent to the full Commission in early December. The Commission also discussed a position statement versus comments/questions/clarifications letter. With the diversity of members, it was decided that the document submitted to MDE on the review of the draft Nutrient Trading Regulations would be in the form of a letter noting comments, questions and clarifications.

### **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reply to Commission's September 27 letter**

Debbie Herr Cornwell presented a summary of the Commission's September 27 letter and the Corps' response. The Corps noted that they currently have a general permit and are working with MDE on a revised Joint Permit Application. The Commission acknowledged receipt of the Corps letter and decided no further action was needed at this time.

### **Report on the Commission's October 11 Visit to Stormwater Bioretention Projects in Columbia**

Mary Kay Sigaty provided an overview of the field trip and the members thanked Mary Kay and John McCoy for hosting the informative field trip.