



# 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

**March 14, 2018**

**Maryland Department of Agriculture**

**Annapolis, MD**

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

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- Members:** Michael Leszcz, Co-Chair; Fred Tutman, Co-Chair; Erik Michelsen, Erica Hahn, Mike Hewitt, Martin Chandler, Mark Symborski, Katina Shoulars, Sandy Spencer, Al Tucker, Barbara Sollner-Webb, John McCoy, Steve Darcey, Luis Dieguez, Byron Petrauskas, Matthew Rowe, Jason Dubow, Mark Mendelsohn
- Attendees:** Joanna Smith, Michael Snyder, Scott Knoche, Chuck Boyd, Erin Lanagan, Ginger Ellis, Jeff White, Melissa Chatham, Jonathan Lieman, Paul Koch, Anna Kasko, Susan Garber, John Garber, Susan Gray
- MDP Staff:** Jason Dubow, Deborah Herr Cornwell, and Daniel Rosen

### Introductions and Approval of Minutes

Minutes from January 10 and February 14, 2018 meetings were approved.

### MDE Information Session: Patuxent River Sediment TMDLs

Anna Kasko, Maryland Department of Environment, TMDL Program presented the history of sediment impairments in Maryland, the methodology for calculating the baseline and TMDL loads, and the Patuxent River Watershed TMDLs.

In 2002, the Patuxent River Lower and Middle were listed as impaired for biology based on MDE's biological listing assessment. In 2009, MDE developed a biological stressor identification process to determine the specific causes of the biological impairment and the Lower and Middle Patuxent listings were refined to sediment in 2014. Based on data from the monitoring sites, 47% of the stream miles of the Middle and 43% of the stream miles in the Lower are impaired. The Sediment TMDL reduction for Patuxent River Middle is 31% and 38% for the Lower.

Reductions for each source sector (nonpoint/wastewater/stormwater) will be calculated based on applying equitable reductions to their controllable loads (this is the same methodology used by MDE to set county targets for Phase II WIPs). Reductions required by specific sectors to meet the TMDL will vary since control of the load is variable as well as the number of BMPs already implemented. For the

MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) permits, implementation plans are required as part of the permitting process.

### **Better Maryland State Development Plan**

Chuck Boyd, Director of Planning Coordination at Maryland Department of Planning presented an overview of the process for developing the new State Development Plan “A Better Maryland”. Listening sessions in the counties have been ongoing since November 2017 and will be wrapping up this spring. Chuck encouraged Commission members to participate in the development of the plan and to visit the A Better Maryland website. The new plan is to be prepared by July 1, 2019.

### **2018 Annual Action Plan**

The Commission reviewed the plan including the updated *eXcitement* section and voted to approve the plan.

### **MDE’s Draft Sewage Spill Notification Guidance**

MDE is reworking the document based on the discussions with the PRC’s Sewage Spill Notification workgroup. The issue will be revisited at the May meeting.

Matt Rowe was asked about the status of the Nutrient Trading Regulations. He will check and will provide an update.

### **Savage Mill Proposed Land Swap**

The Commission reviewed the documentation provided by Mary Kay Sigaty and Barbara Sollner-Webb. Mary Kay Sigaty was unable to attend the meeting due to a public hearing that required her attendance. Barbara Sollner-Webb provided background on the Savage Mill project as well as a nearby development project that has required repairs and modifications to its stormwater treatment facilities. Members discussed at length what role the Commission should have and how to bring their concerns to the attention of the Howard County Council. The majority of the Commission voted to send a letter to the Howard County Council.