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Councilman Michael Leszcz, Co-Chairman
Christopher Perry, Vice Chairman

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 10, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING

Annapolis, MD

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

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- Members:** Michael Leszcz, Chair; Chris Perry, Vice-Chair; Jim Caldwell, Martin Chandler, Stacy Clements, Guy Curley, John Denniston, Luis Dieguez, Mary Dolan, Jason Dubow, Kim Finch, Morgan Hall, Jr., John Hartline, Bill Hubbard, Ronald Marney, Erik Michelsen, Thomas Miller, Byron Petrauskas, Paula Proctor, Alison Santoro, Steve Shofar, Joanna Smith, Mark Symborski, Albert Tucker, Fred Tutman, Jason Van Kirk
- Attendees:** Paul Cucuzzella, Janina Jones, Barbara Sollner-Webb, Michael Stringer, John Tarr
- Staff:** Debbie Herr Cornwell, Jason Dubow

Introductions, Updates and Approval of Minutes

The September 8, 2021 meeting minutes were approved. Jason Dubow introduced a new Commission member, Morgan Hall, Jr., who shared some of his background with the Commission. Chairman Leszcz recognized Barbara Sollner-Webb who expressed her disappointment in not being reappointed to the Commission. Fred Tutman made a motion that Barbara Sollner-Webb receive a commendation for her many years of service and contributions as a commissioner. The motion was seconded by Chris Perry and the motion passed.

Anne Arundel County Draft Green Infrastructure Plan

Michael Stringer provided an update on the draft plan noting that it is not a regulatory plan, and it is not a solution for all environmental issues. The plan builds on the 2002 Greenways Plan and includes an updated Green Infrastructure Network Map. The goal is to conserve an additional 5,000 acres of land by 2030. Comments can be provided via the county website through November 28, 2021. The Planning Advisory Board will be sending the final plan to the County Council in early 2022 for adoption.

Town of Eagle Harbor: Next Steps to Address Stormwater and Sedimentation Issues

John Tarr provided the Eagle Harbor update noting that no approvals were issued for the outfall by the fence. Chalk Point currently has no active approvals and the prior work had been completed. The PEPCO Hydrology report was in the process of being completed and he noted it was unclear if it had been submitted. Joanna Smith added that Prince George's DoE was partnering on the stream restoration project.

I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes Study: Environmental Impact Study

The public comment period is open through November 15, 2021 and a presentation can be scheduled for an upcoming Commission meeting.

Lothian WWTP Issues

The WWTP operator and EPA were not willing or able to present at the November meeting. It was noted that the Bay Journal article includes some next steps for addressing the issues. The Commission requested that staff continue to reach out to the WWTP operator and EPA to request presentations.

Open Floor

Joanna Smith noted that she was available to provide an update on the Bear Branch restoration and upcoming Prince George's County DoE projects at a future Commission meeting.