



## PATUXENT RIVER COMMISSION

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**John Hartline**, *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

April 19, 2023

VIRTUAL MEETING

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

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- Members:** John Hartline, Chair; Chris Perry, Vice-Chair; Frank Allen, Stacy Clements, Rachel Dean, John Denniston, Luis Dieguez, Jason Dubow, Solange Filoso, Kim Finch, Jennifer Greiner, Morgan Hall, Scott Knoche, Ron Marney, Erik Michelsen, Diep Nguyen van Houtte, Paula Proctor, Byron Petrauskas, Matt Rowe, Steve Shofar, Joanna Smith, Mark Symborski, Malcolm Taylor, Fred Tutman, Tiffany Wright
- Attendees:** Stephanie Cobb-Williams, Ed Dexter, Andrew Grenzer, Ed Riehl, Chris Greulich, Sandy Spencer
- Staff:** Jason Dubow, Debbie Herr Cornwell, Daniel Rosen, Adam Snyder

#### **Special Meeting – Chesapeake Terrace Rubble Landfill**

Commission Chair John Hartline called a special PRC meeting (virtual) to discuss the proposed Chesapeake Terrace Rubble Landfill which would be located adjacent to the USFWS Patuxent Research Refuge. The permit applicant was invited to the meeting but was not in attendance.

#### **Patuxent Refuge Concerns**

Ed Riehl provided a presentation on the proposed project and provided the refuge's perspective. Jennifer Greiner noted that the refuge's comments are still being reviewed by the Department of the Interior and clearance has not yet been received.

#### **MDE Information**

Ed Dexter, MDE provided basic information and background on the project and the permit approval process. The public comment period has already been extended and cannot be extended further. The landfill will receive housing construction rubble. MDE will review all comments received and will make a decision on the permit. The decision can be appealed.

**Discussion**

Commission members raised concerns about hazardous materials and there was discussion about what is legally defined as hazardous. While some housing construction/demolition rubble may seem hazardous they may not be legally defined as hazardous. The Commission discussed their concerns and voted to convene a working group to draft a letter to MDE addressing the Commission's concerns. The PRC agreed that the draft letter will be submitted to the full Commission for a special vote by April 28 and will be sent to MDE by the May 1 deadline. Workgroup members included Chris Perry, Fred Tutman, Diep Nguyen van Houtte and Solange Filoso.

**Open Floor**

Commission members asked how the Commission could receive timely notifications on projects that impact the Patuxent River. MDE will investigate a notification process.