



PATUXENT RIVER COMMISSION

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John Hartline, Executive Director, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, Chair

Christopher Perry, Bourn Environmental, Vice-Chair

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.

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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Members: John Hartline, Chair; Chris Petty, Vice-Chair; Frank Allen, Stacy Clements, John Denniston, Luis Dieguez, Mary Dolan, Jason Dubow, Margaret Everson, Jim George, Erik Michelsen, Diep Nguyen-van Houtte, Paula Proctor, Alison Santoro, John Tarr, Fred Tutman, Tiffany Wright

Staff: Debbie Herr Cornwell, Adam Snyder

Announcements, Approval of Minutes

The Commission recognized the passing of Greg Bowen and members shared their remembrances, noting Greg's passion for preservation and his involvement in all areas of planning.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Tiffany Wright noted a Kickoff event for Stream Clean Up was scheduled for April 5 from 9 am to 12 pm at the Free State Shopping Center.

2024 Annual Action Plan (approved 1.10.24 – and extended through March 2025)

The Commission approved the Annual Action Plan for 2025. The Commission discussed developing an internal tracking document accessible by the Commissioners, where they could add project updates based on the work identified in the Annual Action Plan. Tiffany Wright offered to create a Google document. Debbie Herr Cornwell will provide contact information.

Presentation: Invasive Species in the Patuxent

The presentation will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

Update – Whole Watershed Act

Debbie Herr Cornwell reported that the Whole Watershed Act project watersheds had been announced on March 1. The five pilot watersheds selected for restoration efforts are: Antietam Creek, Baltimore Harbor, Newport Bay, the Severn River and the Upper Choptank River.

2025 Legislative Session

The floor was opened for Commissioners to discuss pending legislation of interest.

Open Floor

Diep Nguyen-van Houtte requested an opportunity for more discussions about invasive species.

The meeting was adjourned.