



PATUXENT RIVER COMMISSION

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

Christopher Perry, Bourn Environmental, 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.

PATUXENT RIVER COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON GOOGLE MEET VIDEO ONLY

To participate, click on the link sent to you previously:

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4:00 Announcements, Approval of April Minutes

- Sharing of Patuxent-related issues, if any, that may warrant the Commission's attention
- Approval of minutes
- Welcome and introduction of new members
- Patuxent River Wade-in and PRC Leadership Meeting

4:10 Annual Election of PRC Chair and Vice Chair

4:25 2026 Legislative Session Updates

- Changes to Invasive Species List (DNR update)

4:30 Review Annual Action Plan (John Hartline)

- (Re)Establish workgroups to advance actions from Annual Action Plan – workgroups to meet during break and report back at October 14 meeting
- Workgroup to investigate options to replace Report Card (Short term action #6 – Reach consensus on a scope of work for a Patuxent River report card, then obtain funding for the creation and periodic updates of a Patuxent River report card)
- Workgroup to compile a list of potential opportunities for wetland parks, tree plantings and habitat restorations (Long term action #3 – Establish one new wetland park in each county within 5 years. Compile background materials that highlight the benefits and opportunities wetland parks offer. Work with county staff to identify potential locations. Provide recommendations for potential funding opportunities.)
- Workgroup to identify and summarize ongoing climate work efforts to identify potential risks and impacts to the Patuxent River watershed. Develop list of resilience measures. (Long term action #5 – Determine potential climate change impacts to the Patuxent River and its tributaries so that we can plan for needed resilience measures. Work

with UMCES and PEARL researchers and others to achieve this goal.)

- Workgroup (Long term action #7 – Identify opportunities to establish and connect biking and hiking trails in the watershed. Facilitate conversations between state and local governmental jurisdictions, and non-governmental organizations to accomplish the establishment of one new trail or connection in each county within five years.)

5:45 Open Commission Positions, Status of Appointments

5:50 Open Floor

6:00 Adjournment