

Maryland Planning Commissioners Association 2023 Conference
October 24 - 26, 2023, Preliminary Program **(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**
Kent Island Resort, Queen Anne's County
The MPCA will secure AICP Credits for most sessions

Tuesday, October 24

7:30 am	Registration Begins
9 - 12 pm	Concurrent Sessions
A	Planning Commissioners Training Course (Maryland Department of Planning) <i>9 am - 12 pm</i>
B	Open Meetings Act Training (Academy of Excellence) <i>9 am - 11 am</i>
12 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Queen Anne's County Planning Overview
2 - 5:00 pm	Queen Anne's County Staff Led Tour (Details TBD)
7 pm	Dinner

Wednesday, October 25

7:30 am	Registration Begins
8:30 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Conference Opening Chris Corchiarino , Queen Anne's County Commissioner
9:30 am	Plenary Session (1.5 hours) 40 years of Change, 40 Years of Opportunity Panel of planning commissioners and board of zoning appeals members discussing the previous 40 years and upcoming 40 years of planning in their communities
11:00 am	Break
11:10 am	Concurrent Sessions (45 mins)
A	Prophets and Profits: Reusing and Redeveloping Houses of Worship Rick Reinhard , Principal, Niagara Consulting Group Dr. J. Howard Kucher , Associate Professor of Social Innovation, University of Maryland at Baltimore Planning Staff and/or Clergy , TBD
B	Planning for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAs): Addressing Emerging Contaminants at the County, City, and Community Planning Levels. Simon Fong , Project Manager, Carroll County Public Safety Training Center Joshua Mullis , Tetra Tech, Field Team Leader

- 12:00 pm** **Conference Addresses**
 Rebecca L. Flora, AICP, Secretary, Maryland Department of Planning
- 12:30 pm** **Lunch**
 Keynote Speaker, TBD
- 1:30 pm** **MPCA Annual Meeting**
 Treasurer and Board Member Elections
 MPCA Initiatives
- 2:00 pm** **Concurrent Sessions (1.5 hours)**
- A** **The Maryland Zoning CheckUp**
 David Dahlstrom, AICP, Upper Shore Regional Planner, Maryland Department of Planning
 Joe Rogers, Western Maryland Regional Planner, Maryland Department of Planning
 Ken Confalone, Planning Commission Chair, Town of Charlestown
- B** **Inclusion of Native American Perspectives and People in Maryland Planning – 40 Years of Change, 40 Years of Opportunity.**
 Dr. Angela Stolz (session leader), University of Maryland, College Park
 Keith Colston, Executive Administrator, Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs
 Other Panelists TBA
- 3:45 pm** **Concurrent Sessions (45 mins)**
- A** **Establishing an Action Plan: The Key to Unlocking Government Funding**
 Wes Guckert, PTP, President & CEO, The Traffic Group
- B** **Forestry Guidance to Local Governments**
 Jason Dubow, Resource and Conservation Manager, Maryland Department of Planning
 Anne Hairston-Strang, Deputy Director for Statewide Programs and Advisory Commissions, Maryland Department of Natural Resources
 Dan Rider, Forest Stewardship & Utilization Program Supervisor, Maryland Department of Natural Resources
 Tom Bradshaw, Forest Industry Development Specialist, Maryland Department of Natural Resources
 Charles Rice, Planning Director, Charles County
- 5:30** **Networking Reception**
- 6:00 pm** **Dinner and Reception**
 6:00 Adress from Sharon Dobson, Queen Anne’s County Planning Commission Chair
 6:30 Dinner Served
 7:30 Citizen Planner Recognitions

Thursday, October 26

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am Plenary Session (1.5 hours)

Ethics of Citizen and Professional Planning

Presenters TBD

10:45 am Concurrent Sessions (45 mins)

A Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays

Erik Fisher, Chair of Critical Area Commission (session leader)

Jen Dindinger, Easton Planning Commission, Chair

Megan Reiser, Chesapeake Beach Planning Commission, Former Member

Tom Leigh, Queen Anne's County Planning Commission, Member

B Achieving Equity in the EV Charging Reliability Act

Brooke Smallwood, CEO, OASIS Energy Partners

11:45 am Concurrent Sessions (45 mins)

A Leave No One Behind in an Aging Maryland: Creating a Multisector Plan

Jenna Crawley, MSW, Director, Multisector Planning and Age Initiatives, Maryland Department of Aging

B North Prong Park—A Brownfield History & The Sequel

Sylvia Mosser, AICP, Resource Conservation Planner, Maryland Department of Planning (Session Leader)

Rick Baldwin, Director of Infrastructure and Development, City of Salisbury

Tracey Gordy, Director, Lower Eastern Shore Regional Office, Maryland Department of Planning

Joe Nowak, Project Officer, Brownfields & Revitalization Branch, EPA Region 3

Carrie Staton, Associate Director, Northern West Virginia Brownfields Assistance Center, Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities (TAB)

12: 30 Conference Adjourns