**2015 Eastern Shore Local Government Exchange**

**Thursday, September 24, 2015**

**The Milestone, 9630 Technology Drive, Easton, Maryland 21601**

*Hosted by the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology and the Eastern Shore Local Government Exchange Steering Committee. Event funding is provided by the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology.*

We are pleased to provide the opportunity for you to attend the 2nd Eastern Shore Local Government Exchange. The Exchange’s goal is to provide an event where local government representatives and citizens can share information concerning best management practices for land use and other issues. The focus this year is on “Helping our communities plan for the future”.

Agenda topics at this year’s event include:

* Comprehensive Plans in Maryland: What has changed?
* The Shore’s Water Resources: Innovative Approaches and Funding Sources to address issues
* Potential impact of State legislation on the Eastern Shore

The complete agenda is attached. Thanks to our funders, the registration fee is $25 per participant. **Registrations and payments must be received by Thursday, September 17, 2015 unless other arrangements are made.** **To register for the event:**

* Please complete the attached registration form and return to the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, Attention: Nancy Nunn, Post Office Box 169, Queenstown, Maryland 21658.
* Mail your check payable to the University of Maryland ($25 per participant) and send with registration form to the Hughes Center. Please include the participant name on the check. If paying for more than one participant, please include the names of all participants.
* If paying by credit card, please complete the attached form and return by mail; email to nnunn@umd.edu; or fax (410) 827-9039 (Attention: Nancy Nunn).
* Receipts for both types of payment will be provided to participants at the event.

\*\* No refunds will be issues.

**5 AICP CM credits have been approved for this year’s event.**

For additional information about registration, payment, or the program, please contact Nancy Nunn at nnunn@umd.edu or (410) 827-6202, ext. 128.

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**9:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**9:30 am Welcome**

**9:35 am Comprehensive Plans in Maryland: What has changed?**

 *Paul J. Cucuzzella, Principal Counsel, Maryland Department of Planning*

**10:50 am Question and Answer Period**

**11:00 am Break**

**11:10 am Overview of the Eastern Shore: Where are we now and where are we going?**

 **City Perspective**

 *Jake Day, Council President, City of Salisbury*

 **Town Perspective: Chestertown**

 *Chris Cerino, Mayor, Town of Chestertown*

 *David Dahlstrom, Facilitator, Regional Planner, Maryland Department of Planning*

**Noon Question and Answer Period**

**12:15 pm Lunch and Networking**

**1:00 pm** **Water Resources**

 **Innovative Approaches Communities can take to deal with the issues**

 *Eric Buehl, Watershed Restoration Specialist* *for Maryland SeaGrant Extension*

 *Bryan Seipp, Watershed Manager/Professional Forester for the Center for Watershed Protection*

 **Overview of Funding Opportunities**

 *Phillip Stafford, Coastal Policy Specialist, Maryland Department of Natural Resources*

 **Putting the pieces together on the local level**

 *Karen Houtman, Planner, Town of Snow Hill*

**2:15 pm Question and Answer**

**2:30 pm** **Legislative Update and potential implications for the Eastern Shore**

 **County Implications**

 *Les Knapp, Legal and Policy Counsel, Maryland Association of Counties*

 **Municipal Implications**

 *Candace Donoho, Director of Governmental Relations, Maryland Municipal League*

 **Agricultural Operations Implications**

 *Parker Welch, Eastern Shore Field Services Representative, Maryland Farm Bureau*

**3:15 pm Questions and Answers**

**3:30 pm. Wrap Up**

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