

Announcement

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WIP workshops planned for fall

BALTIMORE — Following a round of meetings summarizing the progress of the Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) across the state in the spring, state agencies will hold six regional workshops this fall to help local communities address the third phase of Maryland's Watershed Implementation Plan to clean up the Chesapeake Bay.

Maryland and surrounding states are involved in a large-scale cleanup of the Chesapeake Bay. Part of the strategy requires local partners to identify solutions that reduce pollution to the Bay, under the umbrella of the state's Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). Under the TMDL, pollution control measures needed to fully restore the Bay and its tidal rivers are required to be in place by 2025.

As part of the state's engagement strategy for Phase III WIP development, officials have set dates for six workshops at locations across the state. This set of fall workshops is scheduled from Nov. 15 through Dec. 5, 2018, and is intended to focus on local goals, opportunities for collaboration, and how to proceed to reach targets in 2025 and beyond.

State agencies including the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Maryland Department of Agriculture will be presenting at the workshops, which are being facilitated by the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, an organization affiliated with the University of Maryland. The workshops are geared toward strengthening the working relationships between state and local entities and the nonprofit community while Maryland's WIP is implemented.

Each workshop will begin with state and region-specific overviews from the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Maryland Department of Agriculture before a set of breakout sessions organized by counties. Participants will then reconvene after lunch for a discussion on next steps.

All workshops are free and sponsored by the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology and funded by the Town Creek Foundation.

Dates and locations for the six regional workshops are listed below. For all workshops, doors will open at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided to participants. Registration is required and can be accessed through the links below.

Western Maryland Workshop (Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Washington)

Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018

Williamsport Banquet Hall

2 Brandy Drive, Williamsport, MD 21795

Registration: go.umd.edu/wmdwipworkshop

Lower Eastern Shore Workshop (Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester)

Friday, Nov. 16, 2018

Wicomico Youth and Civic Center

500 Glen Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21804

Registration: go.umd.edu/leswipworkshop

First Central Maryland Workshop (Baltimore City and County, Carroll, Harford)

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018

Harford Community College, APG Federal Credit Union Arena

401 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air, MD 21015

Registration: go.umd.edu/cmdwipworkshop1

Upper Eastern Shore Workshop (Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot)

Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018

The Milestone

9630 Technology Drive, Easton, MD 21601

Registration: go.umd.edu/ueswipworkshop

Second Central Maryland Workshop (Anne Arundel, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's)

Friday, Nov. 30, 2018

The Gathering Place

6120 Day Long Lane, Clarksville, MD 21029

Registration: go.umd.edu/cmdwipworkshop2

Southern Maryland Workshop (Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's)

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018

College of Southern Maryland

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata, MD 20646

Registration: go.umd.edu/smdwipworkshop

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