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**Hybrid Meeting for In-Person and Remote Participation**

**Airlie Conference Center**

**6809 Airlie Road  
Warrenton, VA 20187**

**ZOOM LINK**

**Meeting ID: 872 5188 9148**

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**Meeting Goal:** Consensus agreement on three topics of recommendations for the annual Executive Council Meeting in December 2021.

***Meeting Objectives:***

- (1) Learn and discuss topics to help inform CAC Annual Recommendations:
  - a. Progress on and implications of the 2025 [Chesapeake Watershed Agreement](#) Outcomes
  - b. the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program budget process and opportunities for new federal funding
- (2) Learn and discuss the importance and challenges of wetland and tree buffer conservation and restoration.
- (3) Elect CAC Subcommittee Chairs.

**Thursday, September 16: Pavilion**

- 11:00 a.m. Call to Order and Welcome.....Julie Lawson, Chair**
- Introduction of members and guests
  - Opening remarks about meeting goal and objectives
- 11:10 a.m. About the Airlie Center**  
History, Grounds: Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security
- 11:20 a.m. Local Watershed Context .....Chris Miller**  
President, [Piedmont Environmental Council](#)
- Regional History
  - Culture and Economy
  - Environmental Assets and Challenges
- Noon Lunch- Airlie Dining Hall**
- 1:00 p.m. Chesapeake Watershed Agreement Outcome Attainability.....Carin Bisland**  
Associate Director, EPA Chesapeake Bay Office
- Overview of Outcomes on target
  - Overview of Outcomes not on target and implications
- 2:00 p.m. Part One: 2021 CAC Recommendations to the Executive Council**
- Review of topics from the past year (included in briefing materials)

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- Discussion on CAC EC 2021 suggestions

**2:45 p.m. Break and Transition to Tour**

Educational Nature Walking Tour of Clifton Institute (estimated 1-1.5-mile walking loop)  
Individuals drive from Airlie to Clifton Institute (estimate round trip drive is 4.5 miles)

**3:15 p.m. [Clifton Institute](#): Education, Restoration and Research**

Informal presentation with co-facilitation from the Clifton Institute and Piedmont Environmental Council offering insights as we stop to look at some of the restoration/research sites

Learn about the Institute's education, restoration and research programs with a visual focus on wetland and buffer restoration. These foci are selected because they are *Watershed Agreement* Outcomes that are currently projected not to meet the 2025 deadline and they have significant impact on the Bay TMDL progress. This is intended to complement the Outcome Attainability discussion that will hone-in on these two challenges.

Related topics this tour aims to explore: (1) land conservation and ecosystem services, (2) a local perspective of the challenges and successes in piedmont wetland and buffer conservation and restoration, and (3) innovations and opportunities to accelerate progress with new funding from state and federal sources.

**4:45 p.m. Return to Airlie and Meeting Recess**

**6:30 p.m. Dinner in the Dining Hall**

Members continue informal discussion of topics

**7:30 p.m. Optional gathering at the Silo fire pit**

**Friday, September 17: Pavilion**

**7:30 a.m. Jurisdiction Breakfast in the Dining Hall**

Members gather by delegation for breakfast.

Topic Includes: New state funds and how they will be used to advance watershed recovery

**8:30 a.m. Call to Order.....Julie Lawson, Chair  
CAC Business Meeting**

- Approval of May 2021 Meeting Minutes
- Approval of 2022 CAC Meeting Dates
- Chair Updates
- CAC Member Announcements
- Staff Updates

**9:00 a.m. Chesapeake Bay Program Updates.....[Martha Shimkin](#)  
Deputy Director, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program**

- Principals Staff Committee Meeting (Sept 21, 2021)
- Executive Council Meetings
  - October 1, 2021: Boat Trip and Climate Change Directive
  - December 2021 (TBD)
- Chesapeake Bay Program Budget Overview
  - Process and allocations

- Federal Investments in Restoration: American Rescue Plan, Infrastructure and Jobs Bill
  - Preliminary ideas for CBP expenditures

**9:45 a.m. CAC Subcommittee Break-out Session**

- Discussion Guide based on the first meeting of each CAC Subcommittee
- Subcommittee Chair Elections
- Brief reports

**10:45 a.m. Break**

**11:00 a.m. Part Two: 2021 CAC Recommendations to the Executive Council**

- Reflections on September meeting topics
- Selection of three key issues for 2021 CAC Recommendations

**11:45 a.m. Action Items, Next Steps and Closing Remarks**

**Noon Adjourn**

*Next CAC Meeting: Wednesday, December 1- Thursday, December 2, 2021 (Location TBD)  
 December 2 meeting overlaps with LGAC Meeting- potential opportunities for engagement  
 Winter Meeting- CAC Chair and Vice Chair Elections*

**Additional Briefing Materials**

- CBP [Forest Buffers](#) Video
- [WIPs and co-benefits of Forest Buffers](#)
- [Tree Cover Infographic](#)
- CBP [Wetlands Video](#)
- [WIPs and co-benefits of Wetlands](#)

*Federal Funding: Excerpts from Choose Clean Water Coalition communications*

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is an approximately \$1.2 trillion bill with approximately \$550 billion in new spending. It contains \$238 million for the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program over 5 years (\$47.6 million annually), which is IN ADDITION TO whatever is appropriated through the annual appropriations process. Right now, the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program is proposed to be funded at \$90.5 million in the House-passed Interior Appropriations bill. (Final Senate vote: passed 69-30; Pending vote in the House)

The Infrastructure bill also has additional money appropriated for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs. These dollar amounts are the proposed new “authorized” levels for the SRFs, not actual “appropriated” funds. The Senate intended to appropriate higher amounts through additional funding in the “Reconciliation bill” – but a new “no double-dipping rule” (no programs can get funded by both bills) is preventing that from happening. “Appropriated” amounts will be automatically funded every year – Congress will not have to act again.

The actual “appropriated” funds in the Senate-passed Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill for both the Clean Water (CW) and Drinking Water (DW) SRFs are: *(Note: these are corrected appropriated amounts from an earlier version of the agenda that showed authorized amounts.)*

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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has released the new framework that sets the stage for achieving the goals of the new Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense (Chesapeake WILD) Act. [“Chesapeake WILD: A network in action for wildlife conservation”](#) lays out a vision for collaborative conservation in the watershed that emphasizes diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice (DEIJ) practices and policies, as well as accessibility. The framework is organized around five focal areas: Fish and Wildlife Habitats, Climate Change, Community Partnership, Public Access, and Water Quality.