

## **Public Access Planning Action Team**

**Monday, May 6, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room (Fish Shack)

410 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403

Directions to venue: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/directions>

### **AGENDA**

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome, attendance, and discuss lunch arrangements**  
Opening comments and introductions. If you did not bring your own lunch to the meeting, plans for purchasing and sharing pizza (at your own expense) will be discussed.
- 10:15 a.m. Review and discuss expanding Action Team membership**  
Gaps in current membership will be discussed and recommendations/suggestions for new additions to the Action Team membership will be considered.
- 10:30 a.m. New Public Access in 2012**  
Based on the results of the 2012 public access update efforts, it was determined that between October 1, 2011 and December 31, 2012, a total of 18 new access sites were opened to the public along the Chesapeake Bay and its major streams and rivers. Action Team members will discuss the data submission process that was used to generate the update and will identify additional contacts for future data calls.
- 11:15 a.m. Review Application of View Access**  
The application of "Viewing Access" in our inventory and potential site identification process will be reviewed to be sure we are all applying it in the same manner.
- 11:30 a.m. Updating the Potential New Public Access Sites Inventory**  
As new or updated information on the potential access sites identified in the Public Access Plan is gathered some sites may be dropped as unsuitable, others will be transferred to the inventory of existing sites as they are developed, and new potential sites will be added. To facilitate this process, Action Team members will consider the development of a procedure for obtaining and evaluating new potential public access sites.
- 11:45 a.m. Boat-in Campsites**  
During the development of the Public Access Plan, developing boat-in campsites were identified as a key issue for future examination. We will review a process for inventorying and advancing the availability of boat-in camping looking at a couple of key areas as a first step.
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch - Please bring your own bag lunch or plan to contribute money for a shared pizza.**
- 1:00 p.m. Universal Accessibility**  
A presentation on universal accessibility will be given and challenges surrounding universal accessibility, the need to improve existing infrastructure, and success stories will be discussed.
- 1:30 p.m. NPS Chesapeake Bay Financial Assistance Awards Program**  
To support the goals of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Public Access Plan, NPS CHBA established public access site development as the priority funding emphasis for FY 13 awards. NPS CHBA has received numerous proposals for access projects eligible for immediate or future funding, and also projects worthy for consideration for inclusion in the Public Access Plan.
- 1:45 p.m. Action Team Priorities for 2013-2014**  
The Public Access Plan identifies a series of action steps for advancing public access site development. Action Team members will discuss shared priorities for 2013-2014 and highlight collaborative actions that the team may want to take to advance these common goals.
- 2:30 p.m. Wrap-Up**  
To conclude this meeting, Public Access Planning Action Team members will review meeting outcomes and identify follow-up actions.
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn**