

## Executive Council Planning Meeting - April 27, 2022

### Participants:

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- **Briefing book**

- The 2022 EC Briefing Book page can be accessed here:  
[https://www.chesapeakebay.net/ecbrief/2022\\_executive\\_council\\_meeting\\_briefing\\_book](https://www.chesapeakebay.net/ecbrief/2022_executive_council_meeting_briefing_book)

- **Dates to avoid**

- Chesapeake Bay Commission: September 8-9
- Delaware: September 28-October 3, October 28
- CAC: September 15-16
- LGAC: September 29-30
- STAC: September 13-14
- Please continue to email Rachel Felver, [rfelver@chesapeakebay.net](mailto:rfelver@chesapeakebay.net) and Marisa Baldine, [mbaldine@chesapeakebay.net](mailto:mbaldine@chesapeakebay.net) with dates that will or will not work for your EC member.

- **Meeting location**

- Physical location
  - Washington, D.C.?
    - Carin Bisland will have more information about EPA's meeting location preference at the next planning meeting.
- Virtual
  - Do we continue to offer a virtual option?
    - We can continue to offer a virtual streaming option for members of the public but are discouraging a virtual option for EC members because it prevents them from attending the private lunch.
- Do we offer an activity (ex: 2021 VA Beach boat tour) instead of the traditional private lunch?

- **Possible meeting topics**

- If a meeting is in DC, it should center around the federal partnership and the federal role in Bay restoration.
- The entire meeting should center around forest buffers: Jurisdictions are slated to deliver their forest action plans in June. Ties in with green infrastructure and members could do a tree planting. Tie in wetlands as well?

- In 1996, EC members helped with a tree planting for the first forest buffer goal in Pennsylvania.
- Tree planting is a popular topic for Governor Carney.
- This topic lends itself to combination with other topics. If a nice restoration site is picked then it could take place at a farm, a wetland or near a public access site.
- Forest buffers as a topic might be difficult for some jurisdictions to connect with, but tree canopy and green infrastructure are both relevant across the watershed.
- A boat tour of the Anacostia River might be a good activity to highlight several of these topics.
  - D.C. already has programs in place that can help make this possible.
- Infrastructure and funding
- Climate change directive follow-up.
- Resilient Farms Initiative.
- DEIJ
  - Urban tree canopy, redlining, urban heat islands
- Assessment of CBP potentially leading into a new agreement.
  - CAC is interested in hearing more about outcome attainability.
- Monitoring might be a good topic based on the CBP updates to the monitoring program.
- Some of these topics could potentially be combined under a bigger topic like capacity building or workforce development. This would create an opportunity to talk about new federal funding programs.
- CESAR report might be worth a five to ten-minute update at the meeting.
- We need to think about making the topic action-oriented for EC members. Rather than hitting on a lot of topics, we need to make sure there is one big action for the EC members.
- We will have more feedback on topics after the next PSC meeting. Rachel Felver can share a draft version of the PSC presentation at the next meeting.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, May 11 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**