

York River and Small Coastal Basin Roundtable
2016 planning meeting

November 6, 2015

Present at the meeting:

May Sligh
Doug Smith
Margaret Smigo
Anna Mathis
Catherine Short
Jenny Biche
Pattie Bland
Ann Edmonds

Joined for Harris farm visit:

Etta Mae Lucas
Lucee Kossler
Ron Wisniewski
Amy Walker

May Sligh reviewed the YRSCB 2015 projects and meetings:

March 25, 2015 - Bee Beetle and the Bay: Pesticide / Chemical Impacts on Aquatic Human Health, and Pollinator Protection for a Healthy Chesapeake Bay workshop held at VIMS

July 17, 2015 - River Appreciation Day a Big Island Paddle meeting

VA Citizens for Water Quality/Mid-atlantic Citizen Monitors conference - support for meeting of statewide citizens water quality monitors

October 15, 2015 - Chesapeake Bay Foundation Oyster Reef Ball Workshop construction of 25 reef balls

Dog Waste Bag Stations - NPS Pollution Prevention install 4-5 dog waste station in King William County and Mathews County

Maintain YRSCB website – Baywater Communications Karen Reay

VCAP updates to VCAP landowner/maintenance agreement - installation of Conservation Landscape meadow at Camp Hanover and Green Roof at Acorn Community (extention expected to May 30, 2016)

Activities for 2016 were discussed:

Administrative support – Hanover-Caroline SWCD

Management of website hosting and content updating - Baywater Communications Karen Reay

Steering Committee meetings and workshop

Possible meetings include visit to a VCAP completed project, Forest Green Farm in Louisa

River appreciation day – Dragon Run a good option

Workshop on Creative Environmental Finance, highlighting a program at the University of Maryland – considering small workshop with MPPDC localities but all York members would be welcome. Topic may change if their estimate comes in over our budget

MPRA Water Quality Action and Outreach – kiosk updates, advertising stewardship month and rainbarrels

CBF Oyster Reef Ball Workshop

Dog Waste Stations/Flyers

VCAP Support – possibly with a new district joining the program

Overall, the group agreed with the draft plans for 2016. (May sent out a notice just after the meeting concerning the pet waste station project, as she'd received word that the Board for the HOA she'd been coordinating with decided not to take the free stations. She asked that folks help find other locations for the 3-4 planned for 2016)

The group traveled to Lakeside Dairy for a tour of the facility by owner Charles Harris – had installed a number of practices including hardened crossings, loafing lot with gutters, cover crops, manure pit, bed pack, etc. Mr Harris was very enthusiastic about his dairy and shared a lot of details about the operation, its history and the work they've done to reduce water quality impacts.