

**York and Lower Coastal Basin Notes**  
**September 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The steering meeting commenced slightly after 12:00.

The meeting was attended by the following:

May Sligh (DCR)  
Sharon Conner (Hanover-Caroline SWCD)  
Rebecca Jones (Hanover-Caroline SWCD)  
Marian Moody (Hanover-Caroline SWCD)  
Julie Pruitt (Tidewater SWCD)  
Michelle Carter (Three Rivers SWCD)  
Karen Reay (VIMS)  
Katie Wallet (Tri-County City SWCD)  
Pat Terrell (Tidewater RC&D)  
Chip Rice (DCR)  
Sandra Erdle (VIMS)  
Pam Mason (VIMS)  
Kilby Majette (NRCS)

**Website:**

Karen Reay reviewed the website. Sharon Conner requested that each District, Agency, or NGO provide an Agriculture, Urban and K-12 project with photos for the website. Many suggestions were made. Karen Reay requested that everyone take another look at the website and get her comments and suggestions.

**November 1<sup>st</sup> Summit:**

Group discussion began by addressing the audience to which the summit would be directed. It was decided that local government and elected officials would be the target group. A flier or postcards would be developed and sent as much as possible via e-mail. Some paper copies would be printed and sent out as necessary. It was decided that the Hanover-Caroline SWCD would handle the flier for the summit and the mailing list. Each District and partner agency/NGO would send a list of officials, titles, affiliations, e-mails and addresses to HCSWCD as soon as possible. HCSWCD would send out an official reminder to the steering committee, including those not in attendance.

Three Rivers SWCD agreed to handle registration and nametags for the event.

Agenda:

May started out by passing out a list of potential speakers and topics. She suggested that the theme of the day would be Land Use Decision-making that Protects Water Quality in the York and its Small Coastal Basins. She asked the group to please help her come up with a catchier title - "The York and Lower Coastal Basins Summit 2007: ??????????"

The group discussed a need to refine the agenda and find some structure for the variety of topics. Sharon suggested pinpointing a keynote speaker that could draw localities to the

event. Chip suggested the possibility of Jack Frye speaking on the Phase 5 nutrient cap and how it will affect localities. Katie suggested the HB1150 Clean-up plan, where are we, repercussions to localities, progress, etc. Marian reported that Jeff Corbin would be the contact for that topic. Pam agreed to contact Jeff Corbin about speaking. Don Wells, legislative Chair of the VASWD and Hanover-Caroline SWCD, has also agreed to contact Jeff. Chip said he would talk with Jack Frye.

Sharon suggested that we have a local official or VIMS official provide the welcome. Pam said she would check with Carl Hershner. Julie will ask the chair of the Gloucester Board of Supervisors.

May went through the list of speakers and topics that she had secured. Sharon worked on trying to fit them into a timeframe and order for the summit. Some concern was voiced that we had too many speakers, too many topics and no consistent content. Sharon suggested that we get it all down on paper, send it out to the group in the minutes, and ask for suggestions and comments. The rough agenda is as follows:

8:30-9:00 am - Registration  
9:00 – 9:15 am - Welcome and Introductions – Carl Hershner, Director of Center for Coastal Resources Management, Virginia Institute of Marine Science

#### Water Quality Initiatives for the Commonwealth

9:15 – 10:00 am - Chesapeake Bay and Virginia Waters Clean-up Plan (HB1150) – Jeff Corbin, VA Asst. Sec of Natural Resources  
10:00 – 10:45 am - Reinvigorating the Virginia’s Investment (\$) in Water Quality - Ann Jennings, CBF VA Executive Director

(Jack Frye was contacted and cannot be there, suggested Ann Jennings and topic above)

10:45 – 11:00 am - Break

#### Local Land-Use Decision-making to Improve Water Quality: Tools and Case Studies

11:00 – 11:45 am - Benefits of Alternative Waste Water: Sue Rowland, Contractor, SR Consulting  
11:45– 12:30 pm Planning for Public Health and Water Quality: A Caroline County Case Study – Eldon James, Coordinator, Rappahannock River Basin Commission

(Eldon and Sue tag team the presentation)

12:30 – 1:00 pm Box Lunch Provided

- 1:00 – 1:30 pm      How will your Community Grow and Improve Water Quality?  
  
Connecting TMDL's with Landuse Regulations and Zoning – Joe Lerch, VA Senior Lands Planner, CBF  
  
(Not sure which presentation we want him to give as Joe is on there for 2)
- 1:30 – 2:00 pm      Engaging the Public in Land Use and Water Quality Discussion:  
How Citizens Just Might Make Your Job Easier - Julie Portman,  
Award Winning Playwright
- 2:00 – 2:30 pm      GIS Watershed Modeling as a Tool for Reducing Land Use  
Conflicts – Matt Strickler, Office of International Affairs, NOAA
- 2:30 – 3:00 pm      Zoning Tools for Ag and Forest Land Preservation – Jennifer  
Gagnon, VA Tech Forestry Cooperative Extension
- ?????????          Natural Resource Identification Tools for Better Decision Making  
– Michelle Edwards, DCR Natural Heritage
- ?????????          CBNEMO – Todd Janeski, DCR
- ?????????          Urban Nutrient Management Planning as an Effective BMP Tool –  
Brian Noyes, District Manager, Colonial SWCD
- ?????????          Dragon Run DVD
- 3:00 – 4:00          Concurrent Tours of the VIMS Teaching Marsh and the Oyster  
Reef – Tommy Leggett, CBF and VIMS staff

As you can see, we may have too many speakers and topics. I guess we need to wait and see about Jeff Corbin and Ann Jennings.

**Other Summit Preparation Discussion:**

Giveaway Bags suggested for participants – Tidewater SWCD will coordinate.

Speaker Gifts – Greenglass.com from recycled glass. May Sligh will coordinate.

Lunches – May Sligh passed around information on Florimonte's catering in Williamsburg around \$10.00 a box lunch.

Moderator – Will be Don Wells, Hanover-Caroline SWCD Chairman

Door Prizes – May suggested but nothing was decided.

**Roundtable Mini-Grants:**

Proposals were reviewed. Six Districts and District Partners submitted grant proposals as follows –

1. Culpeper SWCD – Ag Outreach Education Program to Orange County
2. Three Rivers SWCD with MPRA – Homeowner nutrient management project; rain barrels; door hangers; lawn care management
3. Hanover Caroline SWCD with 8 partnering agencies and NGOs – Urban LID Workshop/Tour
4. Thomas Jefferson SWCD – TMDL on Goldmine Creek; Project involves targeting outreach to areas; maps; water quality analysis
5. Tri-County City SWCD – Ni River Middle School; LID demonstration kiosk; outreach education to school; rain barrel demo
6. Colonial SWCD – Warm season grass planting at school; outreach on bayscaping and native plants

All projects will be funded in varying amounts. The final grants notices are being processed and award notifications will be provided one week after submittal.

