

Potomac Watershed Roundtable

Westmoreland State Park

1650 State Park Rd

Montross, VA 22520

(for directions see <https://goo.gl/maps/mx85DQga21U2>)

Friday, October 7, 2016

9:30 Registration and Morning Refreshments Served Prior to the Meeting

(The Potomac Council will meet from 9:00 to 9:50)

10:00 Call to Order and Introductions

Approval of the Minutes of the April 8, 2016 meeting at Fairview Beach Firestation in Fairview Beach, VA

10:15 Updates from the Chair

10:30 Members Time and Announcements

10:45 Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail

Matt Jagunic, Outdoor Recreation Planner, National Park Service – Chesapeake Bay Office

Four hundred years ago Englishman John Smith and a small crew of adventurers set out in an open boat to explore the Chesapeake Bay. Between 1607 and 1609 Smith and his crew mapped nearly 3,000 miles of the Bay and rivers and documented American Indian communities. The Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail follows the exploration of Smith during this time. The water trail is marked by “smart” buoys. As part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association’s (NOAA) Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System, these buoys provide trail users with navigational information plus descriptions of that specific location on the Bay 400 years ago, deliver near-real-time information on weather and water conditions, such as wind, waves and currents, and collect and transmit many other kinds of data for scientific and educational uses, such as water-quality indicators. Mr. Jagunic will provide an update on the Potomac work of the trail.

11:30 Virginia Conservation Assistance Program

Kevin McLean, VCAP Coordinator, Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

The Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) is an urban cost-share program that provides financial incentives and technical and educational assistance to property owners installing eligible Best Management Practices (BMP’s) in Virginia’s Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The program is managed by the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and is administered locally by the Soil and Water Conservation Districts within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Mr. McLean will provide an overview of the program and discuss how jurisdictions can participate.

12:15 Lunch and Networking – \$15 in cash or check (made out to the Northern Virginia SWCD); receipts will be provided.

1:00 Update on Chesapeake Bay TMDL Mid-Point Assessment

Russ Baxter, Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources for the Chesapeake Bay, Office of Governor McAuliffe

The Chesapeake Bay TMDL document calls for an assessment in 2017 to review progress toward meeting the nutrient and sediment pollutant load reductions necessary for Bay restoration. This midpoint assessment will measure the Bay jurisdictions’ progress towards meeting the 2017 goal of having practices in place to achieve 60 percent of the necessary reductions compared to 2009 levels. Mr. Baxter will provide an update of progress made and expectations as bay jurisdictions head into the mid-point assessment.

2:00 Adjourn