



## Regional Environmental Managers Technical Committee

FY19 CZM Technical Assistance (TA) Grant  
CY20 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation (WIP) Program Grant

April 17, 2020  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting and Conference Call

### NOTES

**Attendees:** David Nunnally (Caroline), Chris Clarke (King George County), Scott Rae and Tyler Gelles (Fredericksburg), Trent Funkhouser, John Saunders, Cindy Shelton, and Chris Stevens (Stafford County), Gef Fisher (Fort A.P. Hill), Brent Hunsinger (FOR), Pat Coady (Northern Virginia Conservation Trust), Jim Lynch (Friends of DRHT), Les Johnson (UMW), Mikel Manchester (VCE), Ashley Hall (Stantec for VDOT), Bryant Bays (VDOF), Jeff Flood (DEQ CZM), Daniel Moore (DEQ WIP), Linda Millsaps (GWRC), and Denise Nelson (Berkley Group).

**Outcome 1.** As reported in the survey, describe the level of familiarity our stakeholders have with the environmental topics. View results at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-N396FLNX7/>

#### Very

- Water quality
- Streambank erosion
- Public policy, stakeholder engagement, and decision-making

#### Somewhat

- Species and habitats protection or restoration
- Water quality
- Air quality/pollution
- Streambank erosion
- Public access to waterways
- Renewable energy
- Sustainable development practices
- Water and land use conflicts

#### Unfamiliar

- Wild fishery population dynamics
- Waterfront development
- Ecotourism
- Bacteria impaired water quality

**Outcome 2.** As reported in the survey, priority given by our stakeholders to the environmental topics.

High

- Restore and maintain the surface water quality
- Promote informed decision-making
- Reduce or prevent streamline erosion
- Protect and restore resources, habitats, and species
- Ensure sustainable development

Medium

- Protect air quality
- Promote sustainable ecotourism
- Improve public access to waterways
- Promote renewable energy production
- Avoid and minimize use conflicts

Low

- Access for water-dependent development
- Provide for wild fisheries

**Follow up actions:**

- Denise will capture and summarize the survey responses to the five open-ended questions to share with the group and incorporate in the strategic plan.

**Outcome 3.** List the key references used in generating the first draft WIP and strategic plan project wish list:

- Meeting notes and emails, locality comprehensive plans, CIPs, MS4 permit action plans, and other studies/plans
- GWRC WIP, Hazard Mitigation Plan, GI plan, septic study, past CZM work
- Virginia Cooperative Extension reports, Rappahannock River Report card, East Coast Greenway plan

**Follow up actions:**

- Denise will identify which documents included which projects.

**Outcome 4.** List the types of information requested for each project in the wish list: type (construction, operations, programmatic), location, name, description, quantity, units, cost, focus (water quality, quantity, or both), jobs created (short and long term), data source, potential funding source, and other notes.

**Follow up actions:**

- Brainstorm project opportunities and add them to the wish list.
- Use CAST data to calculate approximate project costs (**Attachment A**).

**Outcome 6.** Invite planning and zoning colleagues to May 14 meeting at 10am-12pm to discuss incorporating forest conservation and green infrastructure concepts into regional plans and policies.

**Follow up actions:**

- Denise will send meeting agenda and associated files.

**Future meetings:**

- a. May 14 10am-12pm: joint strategic planning and WIP – Comprehensive Planning
- b. June TBD: training and coordination – nutrient credits
- c. July 9 10am-12pm: training and coordination – CBPA Local Gov Assistance
- d. August 25 1pm-3pm: WIP

**Other events of interest:**

- DEQ Online Courses (**Attachment B**)
- CAST model [Free Training Videos](#)
- Free webinar April 29 at 2 pm “[Functional Recovery: Designing for Community Resilience](#)”
- Free webinar April 30 at 12 pm “Civic Engagement in the World of Social Distancing” <https://virginia.planning.org/>
- International Low Impact Development Conference, July 19-22, 2020, Bethesda, MD. <https://www.lidconference.org/>