



## Regional Environmental Managers

FY22 CZM & CY23 WIP Phase III

January 17, 2023

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Digital Meeting and Conference Call

### MEETING MINUTES

*In attendance:* Taylor Coxon, Deona Johnson (Spotsylvania County), Emily Torrey, John Saunders (Stafford County), Scott Rae (Fredericksburg City), Alexis Butchers (King George County), Freda Rosso (UMW), Andrea Heller, Coalter Hollberg (Apex Co for Stafford County Public Schools), Meredith Keppel, Kate Gibson (GWRC)

### Meeting Notes

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#### Outcome 1: Sharing Grants

- [Green Streets, Green Cities, Green Jobs \(G3\)—Ches. Bay Trust](#)
  - GWRC is planning to apply for technical assistance through the charette track—will send localities a letter of support to sign. If any locality wants to pursue on individual terms, please feel free to reach out for help with grant writing.
- [Septic Local Partners Program \(SLPP\)-- VDEQ](#)
  - Still waiting on award notification.
- [Community Flood Preparedness Fund \(CFPF\)-- DCR](#)
  - Could be greatly impacted by the upcoming RGGI vote at the General Assembly. Would be used to support [RAFT](#) coming to GWRC. RAFT stands for Resilience Adaptation Feasibility Tool and is a consortium of colleges that help regions address resiliency in the coastal zone.

#### Outcome 2: Discussion of Federal, State, and Regional Progress

- *Federal Updates:* [EPA Final Rule on MS4 changes per the most recent Census Bureau definition of an Urban Area](#)
  - Could impact Spotsylvania by making it become MS4 compliant. Would impact Fredericksburg and Stafford by redefining certain parts of their jurisdiction as “urbanized” and, therefore, MS4 compliancy would apply to the whole locality instead of just “urbanized areas.”
- *State Updates:* DCR seeking feedback on [Flood Resilience Outreach and Engagement Plan](#) (Comment period closes Jan 31); DCR & DEQ continue to work on collaborative Resilience Project Database per the [Coastal Resilience Master Plan](#); [DEQ has released streamlined Stormwater Guidelines](#) (comment period ends on Jan 18)

- **Regional Updates:** HMP is still being reviewed by FEMA (45-day review began on Dec 13); GWRC will be holding two **Urban Heat Island Community Listening Sessions on February 22 @ 10 am & March 9 @ 6 pm (please share meeting information)**
- **Local Updates:**
  - Stafford: Updating their Ches. Bay application and streamlining site design requirements and guidance
  - Spotsylvania: Could use help with model ordinance language on protecting existing canopy and on becoming MS4 compliant
  - King George: Need help with making small SWPP (Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans) accessible to landowners who are not working with contractors or doing bigger projects
    - Taylor Coxon offered that DEQ advised her to replicate Loudoun County's model and streamline SWPPP into one program to leverage negotiating powers for native plant cover
  - Fredericksburg: suggested that CUSP (Chesapeake Urban Stormwater Professional) program may be something that MS4 compliant jurisdictions were interested in; EPA coming to audit MS4 program in February—will keep everyone abreast of how it goes.
  - SCPS: continue to be interested in CEUs to stay on top of certifications
  - Caroline: not present

### **Outcome 3: Environmental Strategic Plan Work Session**

- Members brainstormed items they'd like to have help with for the Project Wishlist; staff will take this and pulled out regional topics (see page 3)

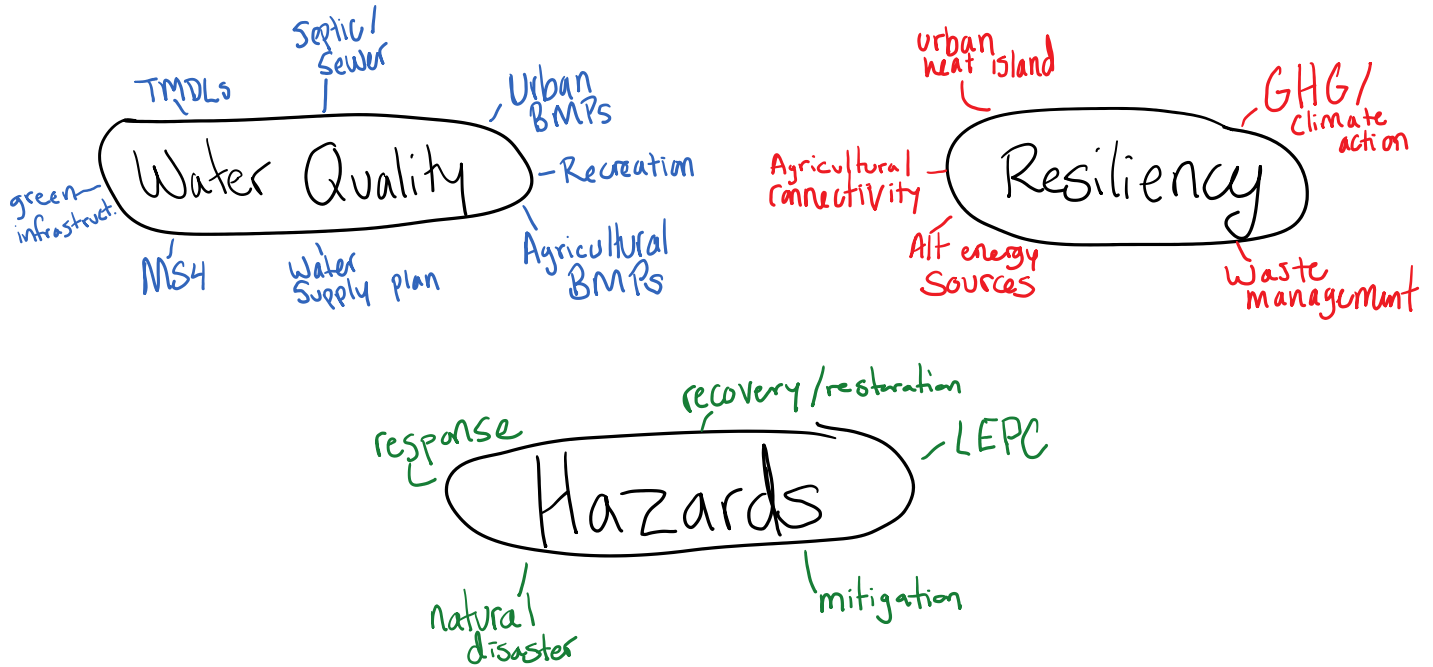
#### Future meetings of REMTC (3rd Tuesdays, 1-3pm):

- **February 21<sup>st</sup>:** In-person at GWRC office with virtual option
- **March 21<sup>st</sup>:** **REGIONAL RESILIENCY GROUP** in-person at GWRC office with virtual option
- **April 18<sup>th</sup>:** In-person at GWRC office with virtual option

*\*\* GWRC office is located at 406 Princess Anne St, Fredericksburg, VA 22401, and parking is available in the back off Charles St*

# Attachment A

## GWRC Env't Strategy Web



Theme	Topic	Need
Water Quality	MS4	Education / Outreach
Water Quality	MS4	Training / CEUs
Water Quality	TMDLs	HABs at Lake Anna
Water Quality/ Resiliency	BMPs	Native Plant Supply & Landscaping training
Water Quality	BMPs	Stream / wetland restoration
Water Quality	BMPs	Living Shoreline
Water Quality	MS4	
Hazards	Mitigation	Writing HMP
Hazards	Mitigation	Dam Safety training / guidelines
Hazards	Recovery/ Restoration	Floodplain management
Resilience		Training/regional collaboration on Chesapeake Bay Act Climate Change Impact Areas
Resilience	Climate action	Collaboration on sustainability topics
Resilience	Urban heat island	Model tree preservation ordinance
Resilience & Water Quality		Stormwater resiliency plan