

Choptank Tributary Team Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010
HAPS Building
403 South 7th Street
Denton, MD

Meeting Agenda

7:00 Welcome and introductions

7:05 Team Business, and Announcements

- 3rd Annual Matthew Wieland Memorial TOUR DE TRAPPE Bicycle Ride, October 2, hosted by CREB Conservancy
- WIP public meeting, co-hosted by ES Trib Teams, set for Thursday, Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m. in Easton

7:45 Review workplan (see below), modify if necessary, assign tasks to begin working on Team projects

9:00 Adjourn

Directions to HAPS Building

FROM THE BAY BRIDGE:

*** Take US 50 E/US 301 N for approximately 8 miles. Exit right onto US 50 E at 50/301 split. Continue on US 50 E for approximately 7 miles. Turn left onto MD 404 E and continue for approximately 12 miles. Exit right onto Business 404 Exit (Clayton Farms Produce on left). Continue through traffic light and across the Choptank River Bridge. Once over the bridge, keep right onto Franklin Street (one-way). Turn right onto 7th Street and follow to end. Last building on left; 3 flags and sign out front "Health & Public Services Building"**

FROM EASTON:

*** From US 50/Ocean Gateway turn onto MD 328 and continue for approximately 15 Miles. Turn right onto MD 404 at traffic light (Sparkle Pools on right). Continue across the Choptank River Bridge. Once over the bridge, keep right onto Franklin Street (one-way). Turn right onto 7th Street and follow to end. Last building on left; 3 flags and sign out front "Health & Public Services Building"**

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Notes from Thursday, November 12, 2009 Meeting
Talbot County Department of Public Works (DPW)

Below is a list of the items that received six or more votes during our planning session in November. The items are grouped into suggested categories of Agriculture, Residential, Government, and Outreach. As a Team, we can decide on which actions to pursue and solicit volunteers for each committee, or we can work together without subcommittees and focus on the tasks related to achieving the Bay TMDL. The number in all caps refers to the number of votes each item originally received (out of 12 possible votes).

Agriculture

Farmer to Farmer/ mentor effort to get BMP research data out to the ag community.

SEVEN

Farm Certification – partner with MASCD’s to develop a check off, or support effort already underway.

(Combine 18 and 19 for voting)

The idea that ‘we all live here’ and have a responsibility to future generations. How do we get at stewardship and Agriculture – example, to allow ag research to occur thru mentoring.

- **Re think certification – use recognition instead.**

SIX

Residential

Bay to Backyard Booklet (template is available, probably just need to add local website info for local sources of money and mid shore data). Also consider putting on Choptank website.

NINE

Lobby local Businesses to sell low N products and lawn companies to use low N products (and low or no P products as well). see also # 15.

TEN

(See #11) Precision Lawns...

Government

Promote inter jurisdictional management plan process to help locals meet TMDL W/P’s.

NINE

Advocate for watershed scale information, key water quality parameters; impervious surface, OSDS, etc. Watershed data to inform local implementation plans.

NINE

Outreach

Team members present a 'State of the Watershed' on regular basis to local jurisdictions, so elected officials know us, our efforts, the state of the river, etc.

SIX

Add to the Choptank website- info on legislation, Doc's activities like Rad Pad and clean ups, Restorations, etc. (Also see# 17 & #5). How do we advertize the website?

EIGHT

See #17, #5, #20 Actions, add Wansoo Im type of mapping, using Google maps, identify cleanups, violations, etc.

SIX

Map/ Plot positive efforts, restoration projects, and events like RAD PAD on the Choptank website.

SIX

Brainstorming Notes from November - ALL

Apply for an Agriculture outreach grant to Bay Trust for more monies to supplement the current application for the Farmer to Farmer exchange.

THREE (# of votes)

Farmer to Farmer/ mentor effort to get BMP research data out to the ag community.

SEVEN

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Outreach to homeowners for "What you can do" thru events, handouts, etc. covering homeowner issues- raingardens, septic, etc.

TWO

Bay to Backyard Booklet (template is available, probably just need to add local website info for local sources of money and mid shore data). Also consider putting on Choptank website.

NINE

Water Quality (WQ) Monitoring data from existing Groups, such as TRPA and others to publicize on Choptank Webpage.

FOUR

Map/ Plot positive efforts, restoration projects, and events like RAD PAD on the Choptank website.

SIX

Moratorium on oyster harvest in Choptank.

THREE

Advocate for transparency for TMDL process thru meetings with Local Government to ask about and anticipate resources needed by counties to achieve goals. Bridge building needed to foster better state, county and local relationships on bay restoration goals.

ONE

Research the ‘modified Chicken diet’ issue. (modified feed could result in lower nutrients in waste products and reduce the demand for corn) If valid- try to implement the modified diet.

THREE

Codes/ Ordinances review to bring the codes best for water quality onto the books. Also consider a “score card” to rate stormwater friendly municipalities. (consider using James River model as an example). Then share results thru Choptank website and use website to solicit suggestions for improvements.

THREE

Greater Phosphorus control from Point Sources in Tidal Fresh- Upper Choptank.

FOUR

Promote inter jurisdictional management plan process to help locals meet TMDL W/P’s.

NINE

Partner with CREB and Chesapeake Bay Foundation on Oyster Restoration.

FOUR

Look/Monitor WWTPs + evaluate impacts.

TWO

Septics – see #25 for voting.

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NINE

Lobby local Businesses to sell low N products and lawn companies to use low N products (and low or no P products as well). see also # 15.

TEN

(See #11) Precision Lawns...

SEE Number 11 above

Create a Legislations committee to track bills at state legislation, pay attention, comment, on watershed issues.

FOUR

Sponsor quarterly events, outreach on raingardens, Ag. Breakfasts, etc.

THREE

Team members present a 'State of the Watershed' on regular basis to local jurisdictions, so elected officials know us, our efforts, the state of the river, etc.

SIX

Choptank Awareness Day, model after the Corsica Awareness Day.

FIVE

Help develop raingarden projects with local governments using Corsica model.

THREE

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SIX

Monitor local issues, comp plans, local politics, ordinance change proposals, etc.

THREE