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Fishing Creek is Subject of Next Subwatershed Plan Public Meeting

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – October 13, 2010 – Calvert County government staff is working to prepare water quality plans for the county’s 22 creek subwatersheds as part of the county’s Comprehensive Plan. These plans will help the county achieve water quality objectives which include “fishable/swimmable” goals for all its waterways. The public is invited to a meeting on the Fishing Creek subwatershed on Tuesday, October 26, 7-9 p.m. at the Northeast Community Center in Chesapeake Beach.

Stakeholders will have an opportunity to discuss the effects of living near Fishing Creek, which loops south from near the Route 2-4 split in Sunderland and then northeast to the Chesapeake Bay. The meeting will feature a review of the current health of Fishing Creek as determined by the county’s grant-funded water testing process. Residents can also learn about water and land usage patterns that impact the sedimentation of waterways and nutrient loading from stormwater runoff. Addressing these issues will ultimately help improve water quality in the Patuxent River and the Chesapeake Bay.

The Fishing Creek subwatershed boundary includes Route 2 on the west and the Chesapeake Bay on the east. Most of Chesapeake Beach is within the subwatershed along with portions of

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Mount Harmony, Sunderland and Huntingtown. Public meetings have already been held on the Mill Creek, Hall Creek, Parkers Creek and Grays Creek subwatershed plans.

Those interested may call 410-535-2348 to RSVP for the meeting. A presentation on the subwatershed planning process is available at

www.co.cal.md.us/assets/Planning_Zoning/Slideshows/SubwatershedPlanning-Dec15-2009.pdf.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to approximately 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. There are more than 5,000 businesses in the County and a labor force of at least 1.8 million resides within a one-hour drive. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.