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Public Meeting Set for Grays Creek Subwatershed Plan

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – August 23, 2010 – Calvert County has a long history of wisely managing its environmental resources. As part of the county’s Comprehensive Plan, county government staff is working to prepare subwatershed plans in order to achieve Calvert County water quality objectives which include “fishable/swimmable” goals for all its waterways.

The public is invited to a meeting on the Grays Creek subwatershed on Thursday, August 26, 7-9 p.m. at the Southern Community Center in Lusby. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to discuss the effects of living near Grays Creek, which is located within Calvert Cliffs State Park near Cove Point. The meeting will feature a review of the current health of Grays 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 Grays Creek subwatershed boundary stretches along the eastern coast of the county from Camp Conoy Road on the grounds of Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant south to Drum Point. The county contains 22 subwatersheds and public meetings have already been held on the Hall Creek and Parkers Creek plans.

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

http://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.