



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PLANNING & BUILDING

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners
VIA: Terry Shannon, County Administrator *TS*
VIA: Mark Willis, Director *MW*
VIA: Christine Finamore, Planner III, Staff Support to Environmental Commission *CF*
FROM: Scott Sinex, Chair, Environmental Commission *SS*
DATE: December 8, 2016
SUBJECT: Environmental Commission Annual Report

Background

The Environmental Commission (EC) is a citizen advisory board that is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The eleven member EC, established in 1975, provides advice and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners, Planning Commission and Department of Community Planning and Building on environmental issues.

Discussion

The EC is here to brief the Board of County Commissioners on the Commission's activities from 2015 – 2016, and goals and activities planned for 2017. At the completion of the presentation the EC would like to know if there is any additional guidance.

Conclusion/Recommendation:

The EC would like the Board to support the Commission's plans for 2017 and provide guidance on how the EC may enhance communication with the Board in support of environmental awareness.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Calvert County
Environmental Commission
Presentation to the Calvert County
Board of County Commissioners

December 20, 2016



Purpose of Presentation

- Provide background information
- Discuss Mission, Goals and Objectives
- Report on 2015-2016 activities
- Request guidance on future projects

Mission/Membership/Status

Mission: To provide advice and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on environmental matters.

Overview: Established in 1975 by BOCC

Eleven members - three year terms

One vacancy currently exists

Monday evening meetings/once per month-

County Services Building



Environmental Commission

Scott Sinex (Chair)

Joanne Simmons (Vice Chair)

John Barberio

Holly Budd

Ron Klauda

Jenna Luek

Carys Mitchelmore

Richard Romer

Craig Simmons

Peter Vogt

Sheila Stevens (CCPS liaison)



Activities

- A Team Building meeting was held and areas of interest were identified. Monthly meetings included guest speakers relevant to these areas, e.g.:
 - Nutrient Pollution and Reduction
 - Source water
 - Sea Level Rise and Flooding
 - Green Initiatives and Recycling

Activities (continued)

- Reviewed invitation to join Clean Chesapeake Coalition at the request of BOCC (EC recommended to decline the invitation)
- Reviewed and Revised adopting Resolution (ongoing)
- Judged County Recycling Awards

Activities (continued)

- Review of draft planning documents as requested by Planning Commission/Community Planning & Building
- Environmental Summit held November 2016

Goals/Objectives 2017

- Facilitate improved communication with BOCC
- Continue to hold committee speakers series
- Continue to provide advice and recommendations regarding environmental matters as requested by the BOCC

Goals/Objectives (continued)

- Review and update adopting ordinance (continue)
- Participate in the Comprehensive Plan Update and Zoning Ordinance Rewrite
- Continue to provide input to proposed amendments and draft plans as requested

Public Education and Outreach



- Green Expo at Annmarie Gardens
- Patuxent River Appreciation Day
- Coordination with CCPS

What's Next?

- Environmental Summit Report in 2017
- Comprehensive Plan Update
- Guidance on Future Projects

Questions and Comments

