

**AGENDA**  
**OPA Environment & Natural Assets Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Conference Room, Administration Building**

**Roll Call**

**Call to Order**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Approval of minutes: July 23, 2025 meeting**

**CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

- Meeting recording reminder
- Committee vacancies: current chair is not requesting a 2nd term. The current chair's term expires on September 24, 2025. There are currently 2 openings for committee membership and the chair's departure will make it 3. The committee should have at least 3 members and no more than 9.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Committee Oyster Cage Sign**

- Sign For ENA Cage: has it been installed?

**Visit to Horn Point Laboratory**

- As was noted in an August 7 email from the chair, there does not seem to be a common September date when all members are available for a group trip to the Horn Point Lab.
- Members are encouraged to visit on their own if possible. Great progress is being made in oyster restoration and [Horn Point](#) is a wonderful place to learn how it is happening.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of New Committee Chair**

Duties and authority of chairpersons include:

- (1) coordinating and supervising committee activities and meetings;
- (2) preparing periodic reports for submission to the Board;
- (3) accounting for such funds as may be allocated to the committee;
- (4) establishing and discharging sub-committees as necessary with members from their assigned committees and appointing chairpersons;
- (5) supervising sub-committee activities and reviewing their reports.
- (6) the chairperson may designate a vice-chairperson and a secretary from among the members of the committee.

The floor is open for nominations and voting to elect a new chairperson for the committee to begin serving immediately.

### **Recommended Native Trees for OPA**

- A Charging Document on the topic of native trees has been submitted to the Board Liaison. The focus is on flowering trees as that seems to be important in the increased beautification efforts.
- Here is the list of suggested flowering trees recommended by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and provided in the Charging Document:  
DOGWOOD, AMERICAN FLOWERING (*Cornus florida*)  
FRINGETREE, WHITE (*Chionanthus virginicus*)  
HAWTHORN, WASHINGTON (*Crataegus phaenopyrum*)  
MAGNOLIA, SWEETBAY (*Magnolia virginiana*)  
MAGNOLIA, SOUTHERN (*Magnolia grandiflora*)  
POPLAR, TULIP (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)  
SERVICEBERRY, DOWNY (*Amelanchier arborea*)  
SOURWOOD (*Oxydendrom arboreum*)

### **Planning for Earth Day 2026**

- At our last meeting, we discussed sponsoring a community-wide cleanup in Ocean Pines on Earth Day, 2026 which falls on Wednesday, April 22. As it doesn't conflict with Beach Heroes OC's regular Tuesday events, we may be able to secure their assistance and equipment. An earlier fall cleanup was also suggested. Planning for that should begin immediately. Plans for both events could be submitted in a Charging Document. If coordinating with Beach Heroes, they should be able to provide supplies. OPA should be asked to arrange for the pickup of collected debris.

### **Additional Discussion**

### **ADJOURNMENT**