

**AGENDA**  
**OPA Environment & Natural Assets Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 10 a.m.**  
**Conference Room, Administration Building**

**Roll Call**

**Call to Order**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Approval of minutes: August 28, 2024 meeting**

**Interim Chairperson's comments:**

- Requested documentation on Committee election of new chair and vice chair was submitted to OPA in early September but the Committee list on the OPA website has not been updated to reflect the election of Pat Garcia as chair and Brian Burgess as vice chair.
- Recording of this meeting is assumed to be active, however it appears that the August meeting video was not posted on the OPA YouTube channel. Perhaps that is a response to our request.
- Note that there is a November 20 ENAC meeting on the OPA Committees calendar; was this previously agreed to? Agree to continue 4th Wednesday 10 a.m. meetings in 2025?

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Follow-Up on Requests of Board Liaison**

- Are Goose/Duck signs allowed on OPA property under new Worcester County "Snipe" sign law
- Response to Turtle Sanctuary Charging Document submitted February 2024
- Signage on Fishing Gear Disposal Tubes
- Posting of ENAC events/information on OPA electronic sign(s)
- Permission to create ENAC Facebook page
- Request to post ENAC video on OPA website and Facebook page
- Request to remove ENAC members personal email addresses from OPA website and replace them with one OPA address for the committee
- Clarification of Advisory Committee term limit policy

**Goose Egg addling action**

Draft Charging Document prepared; unable to find previous one or any information on vendors who handle this.

**Fall Greenstreet Article**

Pat Garcia submitted the article titled "Embracing Native Trees" which focused on fall as the ideal season for planting trees and information on how OPA homeowners can take advantage of state programs offering free and discounted native trees.

**Worcester County Recycling Center Visit**

Pat Garcia contacted the County's Recycling Coordinator Robert Keenan about a tour for our Advisory Committee preferably in conjunction with one of our scheduled meetings in early 2025. They are open Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and would welcome our visit.

### **Litter Cleanup Event**

Application approved in July 2024? Need date and other information on this event.

### **Critical Areas Laws Workshop**

Pat Garcia has reached out to Carly Toulan at MCBP to find out if this event is still in the works.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **MCBP Ten-Year Plan Meetings**

Maryland Coastal Bays Program had been holding community meetings to seek public input on the program's proposed new ten-year management plan beginning in 2025. The final meeting will be on September 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Conference Center (6600 Coastal Highway) The 10-year management plan, referred to as the Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP), is MCBP's strategic plan for actions to be implemented by the Program and its partners over the next decade. The current plan can be viewed on the MBP website.

### **Request Regarding Wind Turbines**

Pat Garcia received the following email from OP resident Martin Clarke:

*Thank you and your committee for your tireless efforts on the behalf of our Ocean Pines Association, Inc. and its membership. I had the pleasure of serving on the Environment & Natural Assets Advisory for many years. A most rewarding job.*

*I am writing to you today to ask you and your committee to consider approaching our board of directors with a recommendation for Ocean Pines Association Inc., to publicly support the efforts of our county commissioner, Chip Bertino, our state representative Mary Beth Cardoza, and the Mayor of Ocean City, Rick Meehan in their opposition to the proposed development of windmills off the coast of Ocean City Maryland.*

*These proposed developments will have negative consequences for Ocean City and Ocean Pines environment*

**ACTION:** Does the Committee wish to recommend OPA publicly support opposition to the installation of wind turbines off the Ocean City coast?

### **OPA Kickoff Event**

Is there a repeat of the event first held in April 2024 scheduled for 2025? The ENAC had a booth at the 2024 event that was well-received.

### **Bay Day 2025**

Pat Garcia has reached out to MCBP to find out if there is a date for the 2025 event.

## **ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION/COMMENTS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**