

DRAFT - pending workgroup approval

Meeting Agenda

April 26 2021 | 12:30p - 1:30p

VIRTUAL MEETING

Attendees:

Council Members:

- Jason Wardrup (DBM), Dave Guignet (for Matt Rowe) (MDE), Spyros Papadimas (DGS), Michael Bayer (DNR), Sandy Hertz (MDOT), Tim LaValle (Commerce), Kate Charbonneau (CAC), Peter Goodwin (UMCES), Beth Groth (Charles County), Mary Phillips (Environmental), Sepehr Baharlou (BayLand Consultants), Ed Link (UMD), Chris Elcock (GWWO Architects)

All Others:

- Jen Sparenberg (MES), Susan Larcher (Arcadis), Jill Lemke (MDOT), David Bohannon (BPW), Nicole Carlozo (DNR), Emily Vainieri (MDOAG-DNR), Jenn Raulin (DNR), Chuck Boyd (MDP), Lester Wright (DNR), Megan Grant (DNR), Catherine McCall (DNR), Sasha Land (DNR), Nick Kelly (CAC), Sarah Hildebrand (DNR), Matt Fleming (DNR), Nell Ziehl (MHT/MDP), Bill Neville (Town of Ocean City), Christine Conn (DNR), Ryan Opsal (MEA), Kate McClure (UMD Sea Grant Extension), Kevin Wagner (MDE),

Agenda

I. Welcome and Announcements 12:30 - 12:40

- a. Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Maryland Department of Natural Resources will welcome attendees.
- b. Review & Approve the February 22, 2021 Council Meeting Notes
 - i. Materials: February 22, 2021 Council Meeting Notes
 - ii. Action: Approve Meeting Notes

Sandy Hertz motion to approve. Jason Wardrup seconded the motion. No opposition.
Meeting minutes approved.

II. Nuisance Flood Plan Status Update and Discussion 12:40 - 1:15

- a. Sasha Land (DNR) will provide council members with a summary of the submitted nuisance flood plans, highlighting some approaches outlined in NFPs.
 - Timeline:

MARYLAND COAST SMART COUNCIL

Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Chair
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

- Oct 1, 2020 - (Original) legislative deadline to develop and submit plans
- June 19, 2020 - MDP extended the deadline beyond Oct 30 in response to COVID-19 and the EO "Extending Certain Licenses, Permits, Registrations, and other Governmental Authorizations and Authorizing SUSPENSION of Legal time requirements."
- March 9, 2020 - Governor Hogan terminated the order related to time frame suspension. NFP submission date is now June 30, 2021
- Requirement is only for tidal nuisance flooding. Maryland's Coastal Zone counties and municipalities that fall within those counties.
- Submission stats (as of April 26)
 - For the 16 counties: 69% complete, 12% in progress, 19% not submitted yet. For the 30 municipalities: 63% complete, 7% in progress, 23% unknown, 7% not submitted.
 - Some counties submit plans that cover the municipalities within their boundaries and that is allowable.
 - All plans can be found on the MEMA's Hazard Mitigation Map Layer
- Snapshot of Plans:
 - Some go beyond nuisance flooding now, while others plan for a step 2 to include stormwater and precipitation.
 - Encouraging communities to set the threshold for nuisance flooding, will allow a better understanding of where nuisance flooding is occurring and how it relates to the warnings for floods.
 - Plans were submitted for resolution by the Town or Council Council for approval.
 - Many plans mapped the nuisance flood locations. And followed the guidance issued in 2019.
 - Most have plans to use existing tools, ex: MyCoast MD, 311, 911 logs, etc.
 - Development of plans, and documentation have now led to developing next steps, seeking funding and support, etc. to start addressing the impacts of nuisance flooding and planning for precipitation based flooding.
 - MDP, DNR and MEMA have provided technical assistance all along, offering to review draft plans, and supporting efforts now.
- Looking Forward:
 - Working with communities to set thresholds for action with communities, helping to strengthen regulations.

- Questions and discussion:
 - Q: If including riverine and stormwater, are they tying it to the non-tidal gauges? A: Not yet, but that's the next step. Any thresholds established should be using USGS riverine gauges and the NOAA tidal gauges.
 - Q: Does recently enacted law establishing a resilience capital fund impact the plans proposals. A: Majority of plans did not identify mitigation measures. This stage is where is it happening, how often, under what conditions, etc. Will need to move into the area of non-tidal impacts.
 - Discussions about transitioning this planning effort into hazard mitigation or flood mitigation planning efforts. Getting the priorities into place to deal with the issues - whether through MEMA, FEMA, Resiliency Authority, DNR Grants Gateway, MDE's Comprehensive Flood Mitigation Grant Program. Need to align priorities and then can figure out how to move plans into action.
 - Q: If local jurisdictions get a revolving loan fund money - do we know if that money can be used as a state match for federal funding? A: One intention of the fund is for it to be able to be used as state funding (with initial contribution from the state). Secretary Haddaway-Riccio thanked Treasurer Kopp and the Senator for all of their support of all the resilience efforts.

III. Member Updates, Public Comment & Wrap Up

1:15 - 1:30

- a. Council member announcements (open floor)
 - b. Public comment (open floor)
- DBM Update on Coast Smart Integration: Jason Wardrup went through Facilities Program Guide, Budget Guide and Memo, updated all the information associated with the Council Construction Program (screening form, program guidelines, CS-CRAB).
 - Recognition for CS-CRAB: CS-CRAB recognized by FEMA, nominated as one of four finalists in their Cooperative Partner Mapping Program. This is the first time that resiliency being added to a mapping program is being recognized as a step in the right direction.
 - CS-CRAB user interface is very easy to use. Suggestion to track hits and utilizations for who is using it how often.

- CS-CRAB is very helpful for consultants working with homeowners.
- Planning Directors Roundtable: MDP roundtable, will include a presentation on CS-CRAB.
- Question to council: Are there topics (data, presentations, questions) you want to bring to the council for discussion during meetings?
 - Q: Is the expansion of Coast Smart into the riverine areas still being considered? Is there a gap somewhere in the state related to flooding (not tied to coastal areas) and what would / could that mean for the Council?
 - Q: Is there another state entity covering that domain? Most difficult flooding is where coastal meets non-coastal flooding due to the overlap of phenomenology and jurisdictions.
 - Discussion: If you're getting flooded, you don't care where it's coming from. It's flooding. Council is great at setting the example of how to deal with that risk. FEMA will be rolling out Risk Rating 2.0 out in October. Changes to rate costs for outside the floodplain, will be actuarial rates based on risk outside the floodplain. Will be based on what they determine to be a cause of risk. MDE is moving into doing a 100 +3 layer for riverine areas. MDE is moving in that direction for informational purposes (there is no regulation behind it). People will be coming to the Council as a knowledge base source for flooding. Flooding is occurring outside of the 100 and 500 year floodplain. Suggestion to start having the discussions to possibly fill in a gap in the state. Understanding the interface with coastal and inland flooding and what it means for resiliency and systems approaches. Current statutory authority is coastal flooding. In order for the Council to have authority to update guidance to include riverine flooding, would need statutory changes.
 - MDP and regional planners will be happy to integrate and support technical assistance of the riverine 100+3 into land use planning efforts.
- Motion to adjourn Beth Groth. Seconded Peter Goodwin. No opposition. Meeting adjourned.
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