

AGENDA

Potomac River Basin Drinking Water Source Protection Partnership August 7, 2019

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin Lower Level Lobby 30 West Gude Drive Rockville, Maryland 20850

10:00 am - Welcome and Introductions: Joel Caudill, WSSC

10:10 am – The State of CSOs in Maryland: Yen-Der Cheng, MDE

11:00 am – Workgroup updates

- Agricultural Issues: Pam Kenel, Loudoun Water
- Contaminants of Emerging Concern: Martin Chandler, WSSC
- Reaching Out: John Deignan, DC Water
- Urban and Industrial Issues: Gregory Prelewicz, Fairfax Water
- Water Quality Monitoring: Niffy Saji, Fairfax Water
- Early Warning/Emergency Response: Joel Thompson, Fairfax Water

11:50 pm - Lunch

12:20 pm – Partnering in the Potomac

- Dr. Terron Hillsman, Maryland State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS
- Ashley Lenig, Pennsylvania National Water Quality Initiatives Manager, USDA-NRCS
- Stacey Bradshaw, Virginia Soil Conservationist, USDA-NRCS

1:20 pm - Event/Program Updates

- WSSC Tabletop Exercise: Jin Shin, WSSC
- Va. Forestry and Source Water Forum recap: Mike Nardolilli, ICPRB
- WV Table Top Exercise recap: Monica Whyte, WVBPH
- Potomac Interceptor Outreach Events: John Deignan, DC Water
- Next Generation Water Observing System: Matt Pajerowski, USGS

1:40 pm – Administrative Updates: Renee Bourassa, ICPRB

1:50 pm - Open discussions: Open to all

2:00 pm - Adjourn

Annual Meeting:

Wednesday, November 13

Proposed 2020 Meeting Dates:

- February 5, 2020
- May 6, 2020
- August 5, 2020
- November 4, 2020

Yen-Der Cheng

Yen-Der Cheng assumed his position as the Chief of Municipal Wastewater Permit Division with Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) in June 2012. Prior to his current position. Yen-Der started his career in July 2000 with MDE as a water resource engineer responsible for TMDL (Total Daily Maximum Load) planning and development for the impaired waterways in Maryland. He received promotion and served as Chief of Planning from October 2008 to May 2012. Yen-Der went to National Taiwan University and received his undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering. He attended Johns Hopkins University and received his graduate degree in Environmental Engineering. The main responsibility for Yen-Der's current position in MDE is to issue and administrate the surface discharge permits to the municipal wastewater treatment plants in Maryland. Through the enhanced nutrient removal (ENR) requirements implemented in the discharge permits, Maryland's municipal wastewater facilities have successfully achieved the sector's nutrient reduction goals set by the State's Watershed Implementation Plan Chesapeake for Chesapeake Bay TMDL.

Terron L. Hillsman, Ph.D.

Dr. Hillsman is a native of West Tennessee and raised on a small family farm in Carroll County. He began his career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1992, as a Student Trainee, while majoring in Agriculture at Tennessee State University. During his 27 years with the agency, Dr. Hillsman has worked as a Soil Conservationist, State Outreach Coordinator, and nine years as District Conservationist, all in the state of Tennessee, with the exception of brief detail assignments in South Carolina as the State Resource Conservationist and State Administrative Officer. Most recently, he served as Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Massachusetts until being selected State Conservationist for Maryland in 2015. In addition to earning his B.S. in Agriculture from TSU, Dr. Hillsman also earned a M.A. in Organizational Management from Tusculum College and a Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee. Since 2007, he has been an adjunct faculty member in the Business and Management Departments of several colleges and universities teaching courses in organizational behavior, management, and leadership. His publications include several journal articles and research papers related to training transfer and employee development. In his spare time, he enjoys outdoor activities such as cycling and hunting. He and his wife Natasha have a 13 year-old son, Donovan.

Ashley Lenig

Ashley Lenig is the newest member of the program staff for USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Pennsylvania. She is the lead on the National Water Quality Initiative and co-lead on the Conservation Stewardship Program. She provides technical expertise on various teams and continues to increase her knowledge on the management of the other financial assistance programs. In addition, she coordinates the state office staff members' various outreach displays at Ag Progress Days, our largest annual outreach effort in the state. She recently joined the state office team after spending the last 11 years as a District Conservationist in rural Perry County. Over the course of her career, she has worked as a volunteer, WAE, Soil Conservation Technician, and Soil Conservationist in all three regions of the state. In addition, she has a BS in biology and a MS in biology with a fish and wildlife concentration. She has experience conducting water sampling, stream habitat assessment, and macroinvertebrate, fish, and plant community analysis. Outside of work, she enjoys an abundant variety of hobbies including biking, fishing, skiing, and gardening. She is also involved in her community and is the director of curriculum for Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp, a conservation camp meant to give our future leaders an appreciation of the importance of clean water. Ashley is honored to join you today to represent Pennsylvania and NRCS in the absence of Denise Coleman, State Conservationist.

Stacey Bradshaw

Stacey Bradshaw is a Soil Conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Richmond, VA. She has been with the agency full-time since December 2017 and currently serves as Program Manager for the Conservation Innovation Grants program and the Regional Conservation Partnership Program. She is also the agency's Technical Service Provider Coordinator and assists with implementation and tracking of Virginia's Chesapeake Bay conservation initiatives.

Stacey's 20 years of service with a local Soil & Water Conservation District prepared her well for her current position. She was District Manager for the SWCD until December 2014, when she had the opportunity to return to college full-time. She made the move to NRCS while taking classes to obtain her Bachelor's in Agriculture, working first as an Earth Team volunteer and WAE and then transitioning to a Pathways Student Trainee.