

Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (CBPA) Amendments

- Added criteria for local government programs to encourage and promote:
 - “Preservation of mature trees or planting of trees as a water quality protection tool and as a means of providing other natural resource benefits”
 - “Coastal resilience and adaptation to sea-level rise and climate change”
- Provides for expedited regulatory process
 - No Notice of Intended Regulatory Action or Regulatory Advisory Panel
 - First formal action will be presenting proposed regulation to State Water Control Board (SWCB) with public comment prior to presentation of final proposed regulation
- Proposed regulations likely to SWCB at Winter or Spring Meeting
- DEQ received separately a federal grant to engage VIMS and William and Mary Coastal Policy Center to assist on technical guidance on climate adaptation under CBPA framework
 - Will assist with follow-up guidance to regulation developed
- Stakeholder Discussion
 - October 29 at 2:00 p.m.
 - You can register via the public notice on Townhall