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