

Chesapeake Bay Funders Network
October 17-18th, 2006 ~ Staunton, VA
Agenda

Tuesday 10/17

- 8 am – 1 pm *Optional* Waste Solutions Forum Field Trip*
- 1:30 - 3:00 pm Agriculture Workgroup Meeting, Stonewall Jackson Inn
- 3:00- 3:30 pm Break

3:30 – 5:00 pm CBFN Fall Meeting

- 3:30 pm Welcome & Introductions ----- Cecily Kihn (Agua Fund) & David O’Neill
- 3:40 pm Workgroup Updates
- Capacity Building ----- David O’Neill (CBT)
 - Agriculture workgroup ----- Connie Musgrove (UMCES)
 - Land Use workgroup ----- Kristin Pauly (Prince Charitable Trust)
- 4:15 New Business – Funders will share new funding interests and project proposals at this time. Discussion will be facilitated by David O’Neill.
- 4:45 CBFN Administration ----- Tilly Egge & David O’Neill
- Budget Overview & summary of contributions from 2006 invoice
 - New CBFN website launch www.chesbayfunders.org
 - CBFN 2007 winter meeting in DC
- 5:00 pm Break
- 5:20 pm Meet in lobby to travel to Rohrer’s Farm in Harrisonburg, VA.
(transportation provided)
- 6:00 pm Mennonite Dinner gathering with Virginia’s Waste Solutions Forum (WSF)
- 6:30 pm Short presentation by Jack Frye, Soil and Water Director of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.
- 8:00 pm Return to Stonewall Jackson Inn

Wednesday 10/18

8 am Breakfast

9 am - 1 pm Meet in Lobby for CBFN Fall Meeting Shenandoah Ag Field Trips (transportation provided)

9:30- 10:15 Sam Wenger's farm, Rockingham Co. (Old Order Mennonite):

- See voluntary stream stabilization and fencing cattle out of stream.
- General discussion with Sam and leaders of the Mennonite Church about environmental issues, including water quality, and economic and environmental pressures on farmers who want to maintain their way of life in Rockingham Co.
- Mike Phillips, Shenandoah Valley Soil and Water Conservation District TMDL technician, will talk about information he has been collecting on what has been done voluntarily regarding fencing in Rockingham.

10:45 – 11:30 Meet at Oren Heatwole's shop & Ray Showalter's Farm

- Discuss NFWF-funded pyrolysis portion of the targeted watershed grant, including pyrolysis concepts, pyrolysis byproducts, and how this can help reduce nutrients to the Bay as well as be value-added for farmers' litter.
- Oren will take us to Ray Showalter's farm (Ray will be out of town) to discuss collaboration on the pyrolysis project, look at CREP and other streamside fencing alternatives, and discuss conservation easements as a tool for farmland protection.

12:00 pm Visit Composting facilities in Dry River, Meet with Ross Rhodes

- Discuss connection with NFWF targeted watershed grant.
- Box Lunches provided

1:00 pm Return to Stonewall Jackson Inn

***Waste Solutions Forum Field Trip:** The CBFN fall meeting coincides with the quarterly meeting of the Waste Solutions Forum (WSF) steering committee meeting. The WSF is dedicated to developing strategies to address excess manure in the Shenandoah. As part of the meeting, a tour has been organized showcasing nutrient management challenges of industrial poultry production. CBFN member are invited to join WSF for this unique opportunity to learn about poultry production start to finish.

Interested funders will be contacted to arrange accommodations for Monday night 10/16 (if needed) and transportation. The group will meet at the Va. Cooperative Extension office in Harrisonburg at 8 am. Boxed lunches will be available for \$8.00.

