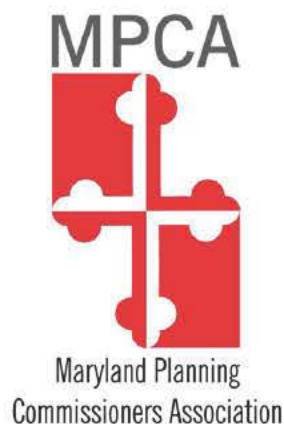




# PLANNING for LIVABILITY

MARYLAND PLANNING COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION  
**2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 8 – 9**



*Serving the Citizen Planner Since 1983*

Thursday November 8

*Welcome!*

to Prince George's County and  
Washington National Harbor  
for the 2012 Annual MPCA Conference.



This year's conference explores the role citizen planners play in making communities livable. We've kept the same format as previous years with some new additions to provide expanded learning opportunities for both new and experienced commissioners.

#### **NUTS & BOLTS SESSIONS**

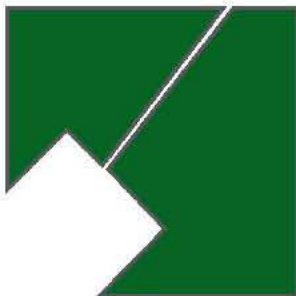


These sessions go beyond the required educational training for Planning Commissioners and Board of Appeals officials to provide practical tips, "How to" guidance and answer questions about the permitting process, staff reports and more.

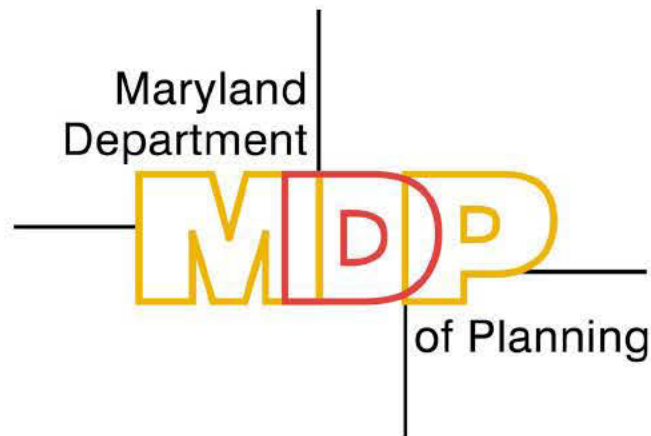
#### **WHERE DO WE EDUCATE FROM HERE**



This session is a follow up to the recent survey sent to MPCA members and will open the discussion to look at new ideas and best practices for how the MPCA can serve its membership and meet the State's educational training.



The Maryland-  
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Park and Planning  
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Thursday November 8

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11:00 AM

REGISTRATION OPENS

1:00 – 4:30 PM

Potomac A

Planning Commissioners Training Course

This class will satisfy the requirements of the *Smart and Sustainable Growth Act of 2009* which requires planning commission and board of appeals members to complete a planning education course within 6 months of appointment.

1:30 – 4:30 PM

Broad Creek Historic District (Meet in Westin Lobby)

Join members of the Conservancy of Broad Creek for this 3 hour tour beginning at the National Park Service, Harmony Hall, then winding through the countryside, visiting historic properties and ending with wine and refreshments at the Mieza Horse farm. Tour leaves from lobby of Westin Hotel at 1:30.

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Potomac A

Nuts & Bolts Session – Site Plans: What to look for during your review

**Robert Kronenberger, MNCPPC, Montgomery County**

Site Plans are detailed land use plans that provide information related to existing and proposed features, including the locations of structures, grading, landscaping and lighting, forest conservation and recreation. This session will help you identify certain features on a plan during your review and assist you in focusing on specific details and potential conflicts with other site plan elements.

5:45 – 6:15 PM

MPCA Board Of Directors Meeting

**Board Room**

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Mix & Mingle at the Westin Bar

Join the crowd at the Westin's Bar to mix and mingle while enjoying the nightlights over the Potomac.

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Dinner and Opening Speaker

**Dana D. York, President Green Earth Connection, LLC**

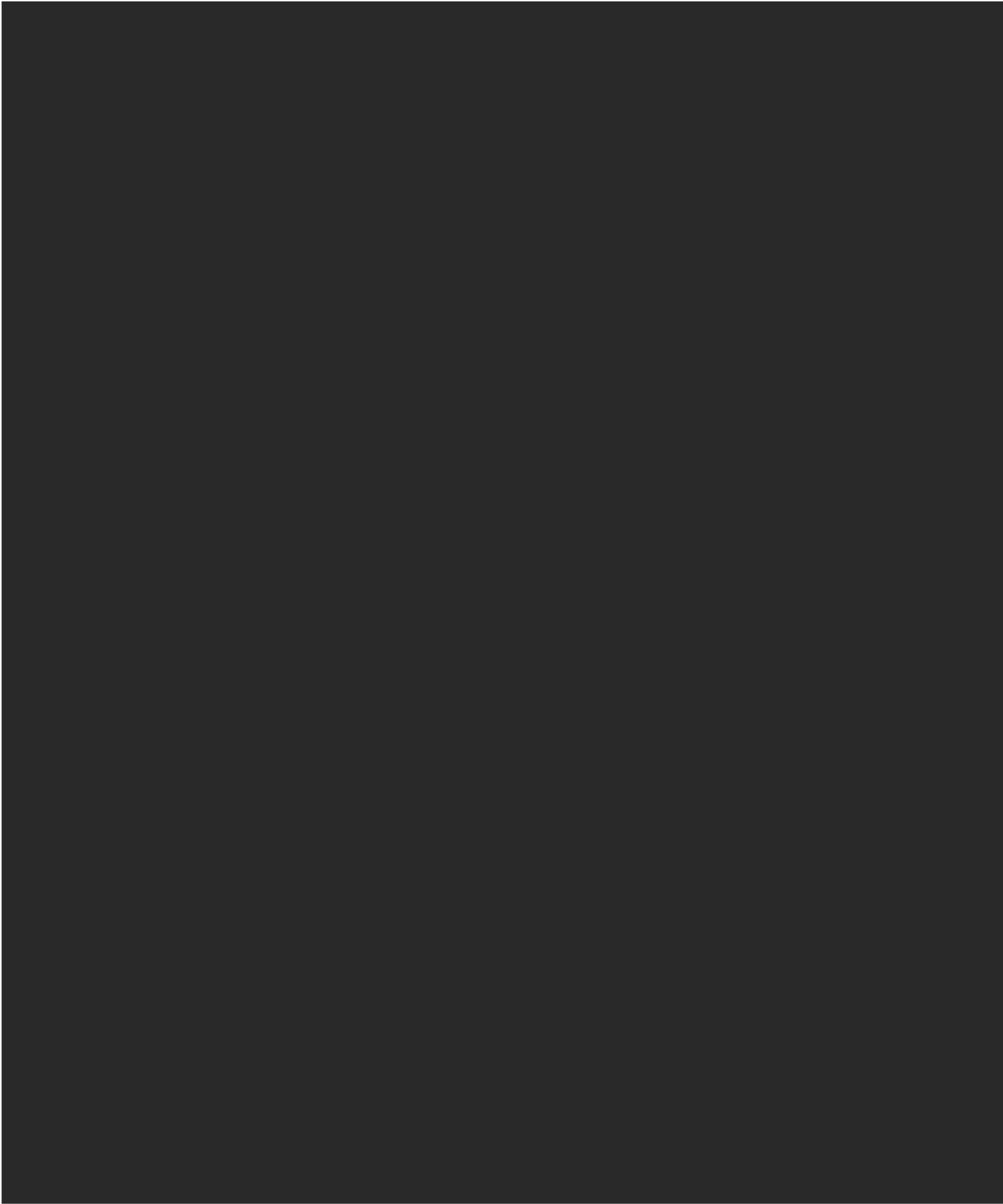
*How to Beat the TMDL Blues – Trade Them Away!*

The Chesapeake Bay TMDL has everyone looking for options to capture nutrients and still promote sustainable growth in the Bay watershed. Recent legislation has allowed counties and municipalities to make improvements and utilize nutrient trades with other entities or sectors to absorb the nutrients generated by new growth. This presentation will talk about how credits are determined using the Maryland Nutrient Trading Tool. A dynamic speaker, Ms. York will share her expertise in working with communities to become more effective and efficient with current resources. Ms. York, a recipient of the President's Distinguished Rank Award is retired from a 34-year career with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.



Sponsor of the Broad Creek Historic  
District Tour

Maryland Planning Commissioners  
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Conference



Friday November 9

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7:00 AM

**REGISTRATION OPENS**

**Hotel Check Out** – Westin will store luggage for guests

7:00 - 8:30 AM

**Continental Breakfast**

House baked pastries, breads, assorted sliced fruits, fresh bagels, juices, teas and coffee

8:30 – 9:00 AM

**MPCA Annual Meeting**

**Paivi Spoon, MPCA President**

State of the Association Report and Election of Officers

9:00 – 10:00 AM

**Where Do We Educate From Here?**

**Peter G. Conrad MDP**

Education and involvement will be the focus of this session as we discuss the education part of the MPCA mission. We'll examine the preliminary MPCA member survey results, learn about efforts nationally and explore issues about education through a discussion about how to better serve Planning Commissioners and Boards of Appeals members throughout Maryland.

10:00 – 11:00 AM

**Nuts & Bolts Session: What's My Job?**

Learning about comprehensive plans, smart growth and ordinances isn't all there is to being a planning commissioner. This lively panel of experts will look at the nuts and bolts of the job.

**Moderator: Robert Elliott**

- *Fundamentals of being a planning commissioner* - **Timothy E. McClusky**, member and past president Centreville Town Council
- *The steps of a development application, cause and effects of your decisions* - **Christopher Rogers**, Engineer/Planner - URS Corporation
- *How to Frame a motion* - **Robert McGrory**, Town manager, Centreville

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Incorporating Sustainability and Livability Into Comprehensive Planning**

**CJ Lammers, Master Environmental Planner, Prince George's County**

The terms sustainability and livability are used frequently when describing desirable outcomes of land use planning. This informative talk will break down these terms and provide some insight into how they can be integrated into comprehensive planning documents and processes.



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12:00 – 1:30 PM

Lunch

Welcome

**Elizabeth M. Hewlett, Chairman, Prince George's County Planning Board**

**Richard E. Hall, AICP, Secretary of Maryland Department of Planning**

Keynote Speaker

**Jon Peterson, Senior Vice President, The Peterson Companies**

Mr. Jon Peterson will share the history and evolution of the National Harbor as one of the Capital region's premier mixed-use life style centers; provide a review of the award-winning plan and preview the roadmap that the development will follow as it continues its future build out.

1:45 – 2:45 PM

Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 – "The Septic Bill"

**John Leocha, Environmental Planner, Maryland Department of Planning**

Many jurisdictions in Maryland are well on their way toward mapping and adopting their growth tiers by the end of this year. In this session, MDP staff will provide an overview of SB236, demonstrate the online mapping capabilities that the department is providing for local governments to use, and answer questions related to the Act.

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Food, Sustainability, and Maryland Planning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**Greg Bowen, Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission**

This Session will engage Planning Commission members around the state on the issues of farming, food and health, addressing how can food systems can facilitate more locally sourced food and improve the economic prospects for farmers.



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