

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
October 15, 2013

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Robert G. Gatto
Commissioner Gregan T. Crawford
Commissioner James M. Raley

County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to discuss economic development matters. The same motion ended the Executive Session. Michael Koch, Director, Department of Economic Development reviewed a number of discussion points.
2. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the names of persons who have expressed interest in serving on the Garrett County Airport Advisory Committee. Edward Kelley, Airport Manager was in attendance for this session. The following persons were nominated with official appointment to take place during the public session on this date:
 - Robert Browning
 - Jason Snyder
 - Andrew Kalnoske
 - DeCorsey Bolden
 - John Hermann
 - Cynthia Sharon, Department of Economic Development staff
 - Edward Kelly, Garrett County Airport Manager
 - Robert Gatto, Board of County Commissioners
3. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the names of persons who have expressed interest in appointment to serve the remaining term of Donald Forrester as the Elected Member of the Garrett County Board of Education. (Names listed below). The Board determined to conduct interviews with all candidates the week of October 21, 2013. An update on this process for appointment will be added to the public agenda for this date.
 - Sadie Liller
 - Charles Wilt
 - Matthew Paugh
 - Joseph DeMucci
4. The Board of County Commissioners discussed guidance points and objectives that will be conveyed to the Garrett County Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Advisory Committee. Official appointments of Members will be made during the public session on this date and the Board will convey approved

guidance points and objectives to the Members as part of the initial Committee meeting on November 5, 2013.

5. The Board of County Commissioners discussed how to proceed with a decision related to the *Public Hearing* conducted on September 24, 2013 at which time the Board reviewed a Petition submitted by William Meagher to amend the Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Ordinance. Specifically, Mr. Meagher requested an amendment to the Table of Use Regulations to add a new category of use under Section 157.024 (c) 23 for “boat rental including boat rides and/or boat tours a separate service business and not offering any other services associated with a marina”. On this date the Board will continue to take this matter under advisement and schedule a session the week of October 21, 2013 with legal counsel and the Department of Planning and Land Development prior to any official action.
6. Commissioner Crawford presented the Board of County Commissioners with a final draft of the Deep Creek 2014 Operating Agreement. Mr. Koch and Scott Weeks, Assistant Director, Department of Financial Services were in attendance. This agreement was prepared by the County Attorney who, with concurrence from Mr. Pagenhardt and Mr. Koch, recommended that the Board, acting as the Board of Directors of Adventure Sports Center International, Inc. approve and execute the Agreement. The execution of the Operating Agreement must be in place prior the execution of corporate sponsorship funds. Commissioner Raley and Chairman Gatto requested that additional discussion take place to include the County Attorney. This session will be scheduled the week of October 21, 2013.
7. Department of Financial Services Director Wendy Yoder and Mr. Weeks briefed and participated in discussion with the Board of County Commissioners on the following matters:
 - Fiscal Year 2015 appropriation level for the Public School System.
 - Dismissing the Homestead Real Property Tax Credit for Fiscal Year 2015 with consideration to direct this additional revenue to public education to bridge the projected deficit. Estimated changes in tax revenue were presented and based on the projection the Board decided to not pursue this option.
 - Other financial issues pending or under advisement at this time.
8. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of administrative, personnel, and managerial matters under his authority and jurisdiction with the Board of County Commissioners. No official action was taken by the Board at this time.

PUBLIC SESSION

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Additions/deletions to public meeting agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated there were 3 additions and no deletions to the Public Meeting Agenda for October 15, 2013. (1) The Board of County Commissioners will be presented with a Proclamation noting October 20 to 26, 2013 as “Forest Products Week”; (2) the Board will provide an update on the status of appointment of Board of Education Member; and (3) the Board will take official action on designation of Board Chairman for the remainder of the Board’s term of office. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by

Commissioner Raley, which was seconded by Chairman Gatto, and made unanimous by Commissioner Crawford, approved the Public Meeting Agenda for October 15, 2013.

2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Raley, which was seconded by Commissioner Crawford, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, approved the Public Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2013, Executive Session for October 1, 2013, and Administrative Session for October 9, 2013.
3. The Board of County Commissioners provided an update of the boards, committees, and commission meetings they have attended and participated in since the last public meeting.
4. The Board of County Commissioners received a Proclamation from the Garrett County Forestry Board on behalf Governor Martin O'Malley designating October 20 to 26, 2013 as "Forest Products Week in Garrett County".
5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, appointed Chairman Gatto to serve as Chairman for the remainder of the Board's term of office. Chairman Gatto expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Crawford and Commissioner Raley for their support and cooperation and also asked Commissioner Crawford to provide his guidance for Deep Creek 2014.
6. The Board of County Commissioners appointed the following persons to the Garrett County Marcellus Shale Advisory Committee:
 - Marshall Stacy
 - Shawn Bender
 - James Stanton
 - John Quilty (will serve as Chairperson)
 - Dawn Beitzel
 - Paul Shogren
 - Eric Robison
 - Kevin Dodge
 - Joyce Bishoff
 - Nadine Grabania
 - Nicole Christian

Official letters of appointment will be sent to all appointees under the signature of Chairman Gatto.

7. The Board of County Commissioners appointed the following persons to the Garrett County Airport Advisory Commission:
 - Robert Browning
 - Jason Snyder
 - Andrew Kalnoske
 - DeCorsey Bolden
 - John Hermann
 - Somi Rikhye
 - Cynthia Sharon, Department of Economic Development staff

- Edward Kelly, Garrett County Airport Manager
- Robert Gatto, Board of County Commissioners

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8. The Board of County Commissioners recognized former Board of County Commissioner Chairman Ernest J. Gregg, Jr. as “2013 Tri-County Council for Western Maryland Chairman’s Award” recipient. This Award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution for the betterment of the Western Maryland regions. Attached as **Exhibit 1** is Mr. Gregg’s achievement profile while serving on the Board of Directors of Tri-County Council.
9. The Board of County Commissioners announced that a total of 4 persons had submitted their names for consideration to serve the remaining term of Donald Forrester, who resigned, as the Elected Member of the Garrett County Board of Education. The Board will be conducting interviews the week of October 21, 2013 with each candidate prior to official appointment. The interested persons who submitted their name for consideration of appointment were:
 - Sadie Liller
 - Charles Wilt
 - Matthew Paugh
 - Joseph DeMucci
10. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the Friendsville Revitalization Project Proposal presented by Commissioner Raley as part of the October 1, 2013 Public Meeting. Commissioner Raley provided a summary of his proposal and asked for the support of Commissioner Crawford and Chairman Gatto. Commissioner Raley then entered a motion to provide \$25,000 for design concept plans. The motion was seconded by Chairman Gatto and there was discussion on the motion. Commissioner Crawford’s position comments are attached to these Public Meeting Minutes as **Exhibit 2**. Commissioner Raley noted that the Mayor and Town Council of Friendsville had endorsed his concept revitalization plan.

The motion passed with Commissioner Raley and Chairman Gatto voting in favor and Commissioner Crawford opposed.
11. The Board of County Commissioners presented for public review a proposal for wildlands designation for purchase by the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources. All information will be placed on the County Government website and is included as **Exhibit 3** of these Public Meeting Minutes. Chairman Gatto noted that this proposal by the State had been presented and reviewed by the Garrett County Planning Commission.
12. Carol Riley-Alexander, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the Board’s meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming weeks.
13. Public Commentary.
 - Nadine Grabania. Expressed her appreciation for appointment on the Garrett County Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Advisory Committee and support for Friendsville Revitalization Proposal approved on this date.

- Eric Robison. Comments on purpose of the Garrett County Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Advisory Committee and support for Friendsville Revitalization Proposal.
- Nicole Christian, CEO, Garrett County Chamber of Commerce provided an overview of the 2013 Autumn Glory Festival.

14. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for April 5, 2011 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to discuss economic development matters. The same motion ended the Executive Session. The Board conducted a teleconference call with Michael Koch, Director, Department of Economic Development to review a number of discussion points which will not be disclosed to the public at this time.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC SESSION

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Robert G. Gatto, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date

Tri-County Council Chairman's Award

The TCCWMD Chairman's Award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution for the betterment of the Western Maryland region. It is designed to "honor efforts made by individuals to relieve the issues facing the region, promote systems of federal, state, and local cooperation and further the mission of the Council". It recognizes an individual whose actions best support the intergovernmental cooperation as exemplified by the TCCWMD County partnerships.

2013 Chairman's Award

Ernest J. Gregg, Jr.
Garrett County Commissioner – 24 Years
1978-1990 & 1998-2010

TCC Board Member – 24 Years
1979-1992 & 2000-2010

TCC Revolving Loan Fund Committee – 17 Years
1984-1992 & 2001-2010
Chairman of RLF Committee for 15 years

By serving on the Board of Directors of Tri County Council for 24 years, Mr. Gregg could see firsthand how the efforts of the organization serve to revitalize communities, start new businesses, and spark community development. By working with the Commissioners from all 3 counties in WMD, the unique structure of the Council truly provides benefits to the region, and, by doing so, benefits the surrounding area as a whole.

Mr. Gregg made developing infrastructure a priority, and as a result, three of the industrial parks in Garrett County are at full capacity. Access to Garrett County was made easier with the expansion of the county airport. Mr. Gregg was also instrumental in securing funds for the expansion and renovation of Garrett County Memorial Hospital and supported increased funding for emergency services to ensure essential services are available to all citizens.

Mr. Gregg also emphasized increasing opportunities for business and economic development. He championed training and retaining the local work force through the commissioner scholarship and the vocational training program, which has allowed our residents to obtain the education and training needed to compete for better paying jobs. The establishment of the Garrett Information Enterprise Center in conjunction with a property tax credit provided incentive for technology based businesses to locate in Garrett County.

On behalf of Tri County Council, I would like to acknowledge and proclaim gratitude to Mr. Ernest Gregg for his years of service to the people of Appalachian Maryland. The Council thanks you for your tireless efforts to improve public services and promote economic development.

EXHIBIT 2

October 15, 2013

Commissioner Gregan Crawford

Response to the Funding Request for Friendsville Revitalization Allocation

Although I commend Commissioner Raley for his concerns and thoughts regarding population growth and revitalization, I cannot support an allocation of \$25,000 for the proposed Friendsville revitalization initiative at this point in time for numerous reasons and concerns. My objection should not be perceived as a vote against Friendsville or Commissioner Raley's idea, per se. The Board of Commissioners has continually championed and supported Friendsville's efforts to enhance their community and recreational opportunities. We understand their municipal challenges as well as challenges that other municipalities share and we are as responsive to all to the extent possible.

Friendsville is a municipality and independent of the County to some extent. The citizens of Friendsville elect a town council and mayor to represent them, manage their affairs, and set their priorities. We, as a Board of Commissioners, no matter how well intended, should not overstep our jurisdictional bounds and interfere with or be perceived as usurping the elected town government's authority, decision making, or setting of priorities. The onus is on the community to understand the challenges of revitalization, embrace them, and be willing to accept the outcomes in order to enhance the chance for success. If free market forces recognize opportunities than those potential partners need to come forward. If the idea of revitalization and growing the town's population is now a priority of Friendsville then the idea should be allowed to progress bottom up, not top down.

A policy framework, objective criteria, and clearly defined goals must be established before proceeding with an action item. Taking action for the sake of taking action does not always ensure a successful outcome. The Board of Commissioners should entertain discussions together and with the counsel of staff as a start. Should our collective efforts for attempting to address population growth, revitalization or reversing population trends be more universalistic based or be more targeted or a combination? As presented this is a long term policy initiative that would span years, so there are many questions and answers that need to be considered before we begin to take specific actions such as the funding of concept drawings of a revitalized downtown.

Some unanswered questions concern policy direction on a county level and others on the specifics of a revitalization plan. For example, what are the benchmarks for the plan? Is it to be phased in and if so for over what period of time? What department, government entity will take the lead and continue to ensure that this effort progresses in a positive manner? Who are the stakeholders? Are we attempting to create a replicable model for municipalities or would this effort be considered a series of "one of's?" Do we have adequate resources? What demographic are we attempting to attract or retain? Are we creating a bedroom community or a sustainable one? How do we intend to market to this demographic? Do we need to incentivize the general public and any potential partners to participate and for what length of time? Are the fundamentals in place to do so? What are the fundamentals? What is the role of the private sector and at what point would that sector be activated?

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Over the past decade, over 25% of all rural counties across the United States have experienced a drop in population. The latest census reporting showed a growth of just 251 people. The latest natural population growth statistics that I could find showed a growth of just -2-. Two more births than reported deaths. A stagnant population, a declining demographic, and or a virtual zero natural population growth factor are cause for concern. The Department of Economic Development for Garrett County has launched a "Reinventing Rural" campaign; they have spearheaded a branding study and just last week they published for the first time a relocation guide that is being distributed. I also call your attention to my email of April 28, 2013 regarding my thoughts on community, demographics, and population loss and source material to consider.

Commissioner Raley publically brings to the fore front an area of concern, but having just been presented to the Board on October 2, 2013, it is premature to hold a vote to allocate county money for a municipality until such a time that the Board has had adequate time to consider the feasibility and the totality of such an effort. More time is needed to articulate and formulate a policy framework and strategy in conjunction with relevant stakeholders.

Gregan T. Crawford
County Commissioner

Maryland Wildlands

What is a Wildland?

Maryland Wildlands are areas of state-owned land or water that have retained their wilderness character or contain rare or vanishing species of plant or animal life or similar features worthy of preservation. Designated by the Maryland General Assembly, they may include unique ecological, geological, scenic and contemplative recreational areas. These sites are Maryland's equivalent to the federal Wilderness Preservation System.

What activities are allowed in a Wildland?

State-designated Wildlands are managed for passive recreation only, including hiking, hunting, fishing, bird watching, horseback riding and nature interpretation.

Is the public allowed to hunt, fish and/or trap within a Wildland?

Hunting, fishing and trapping are permitted on Maryland Wildlands, subject to existing laws, regulations and administrative policies. If an area was open to hunting, fishing or trapping prior to Wildland designation, it will continue to be.

What benefits do Maryland's Wildlands provide?

Wildlands provide opportunities for eco-tourism and recreation such as hiking, bird watching, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, nature interpretation and more. They provide for protection of threatened and endangered species, as well as watershed and water quality; allow for wilderness research and primitive recreation; and preserve unique ecological communities and rare habitats.

What Wildlands already exist in Maryland?

Since 1973 when the Big Savage Wildland became the State's first Wildland, 29 separate Wildlands have been designated by the General Assembly. They span 43,779 acres on State Parks, State Forests and Wildlife Management Areas in 15 counties. The most recent areas were added in 2002. Current wildlands can be viewed at dnr.maryland.gov/land/stewardship/wildlands_complete_List.asp

How does an area become a Wildland?

A Wildland can only be designated by an act of the General Assembly. The Secretary of Natural Resources decides which state-owned properties to review, gives public notice, holds hearings to receive input from the public and local officials, and then makes a recommendation to the Governor. If the Governor agrees, he can send a request to the General Assembly, which can pass a law designating new Wildlands.

What new Wildlands are being proposed?

Since the last Wildlands were designated by the General Assembly in 2002, DNR has acquired additional lands, completed an Inventory of Old Growth Forests, and mapped both high conservation forests and environmentally sensitive areas on DNR managed lands. With these new acquisitions and additional information, DNR's technical staff has identified 27 areas in nine counties that are worthy of consideration for Wildland designation: 17 expansions of existing Wildlands and ten new areas. A map of those areas, a spreadsheet with descriptions of the areas, and the schedule of public hearings are available online at dnr.maryland.gov/land/stewardship/wildland.asp.

How do Wildlands affect private property?

Wildlands do not affect private property. Wildlands can only be designated on state-owned property.

Need more information?

For more information about Maryland Wildlands, please email jfwilson@dnr.state.md.us or call 410-260-8412.

County	Land Unit	WHS Name	Wildland Name	Acres	New/ Expansion	Resource Significance
Garrett	Potomac SF	Backbone Mtn.		1,637	New	Old Growth Forest; highest ridge in MD; habitat for 27 RTE species, including the endangered Allegheny Woodrat and the Rock Vole; Crabtree Creek has the highest brook trout density
Garrett	Youghiogheny	Youghiogheny Corridor		3,993	New	MD's only "Wild" river; a high ecologically intact watershed; habitat for 26 RTE species, including the green salamander and the hellbender, the largest salamander in North America
Garrett	Savage River SF	Middle Fork	Middle Fork Wildland	840	Expansion	A Large number of different forest associations, including old growth; excellent FIDS habitat; habitat for an endangered butterfly & threatened plant; watershed supports a population of reproducing brook trout
Garrett	Savage River SF	Maple Lick Run		582	New	A very remote & isolated area; extensive stand of Old Growth forest; thriving brook trout population; habitat for rare dragonfly & a rare plant-southern pygmy clubtail; a diverse salamander community
Garrett	Savage River SF	Puzzley Run		494	New	An area of diverse forest & herbaceous communities; habitat for several rare plants, including the Purple-Fringed Orchid, the American Bugbane & the Rose Twisted Stalk; aquatic habitat supports brook trout & several rare dragonflies
Garrett	Savage River SF	Savage Ravines	Savage Ravines Wildland	389	Expansion	A minimally disturbed watershed; steep & rugged; habitat for 8 rare plants & 11 rare animals, including one of MD's rarest plants, Frazer's Sedge; reproducing brook trout population
Garrett	Savage River SF	Savage Ravines Warnick Run	Bid Savage Mountain Wildland	188	Expansion	Mature forest with scattered rock outcrops; habitat for an endangered plant the maple-leaved goosefoot, rare bird, 2 rare animals, two rare dragonflies & a damselfly; reproducing brook trout population
Garrett	Potomac - Garrett SF	Upper White Rock Run (Compartment 49)		246	New	Isolated forested tract with many rock outcrops; habitat for the endangered green salamander, the rare Franz's Cave Amphipod and the threatened lily, Yellow Clintonia; habitat for FIDS
Garret	Savage River SF	South Savage (Coleman Hollow)	South Savage Wildland	145	Expansion	Largest stands of old growth forest; habitat for 2 rare plants, a rare land snail, 3 rare mammals, including the Appalachian Cottontail & a sensitive reptile; a trophy trout fishing area
Allegany	Green Ridge SF	Sideling Hill – Hoop Pole Hollow	Sideling Hill Wildland	656	Expansion	Steep headwater stream valleys surrounded by mature oak-hickory forest; habitat for 16 RTE species, including some globally rare aquatic life such as the semi-aquatic plant Harperella
Allegany	Green Ridge SF	Maple Run	Maple Run Wildland	2,163	Expansion	A rare shale barren community; habitat for a long list of rare plants & animals, including butterflies like the Olympia Marble-Wing, plants like Kate's Mountain Clover and one of the rarest lizards in the eastern U.S., the Coal Skink; forested areas provide FIDS habitat
Allegany	Green Ridge SF	Potomac Bends	Potomac Bends Wildland	304	Expansion	A rugged, remote area that contains some of the best scenic views in MD; shale barrens & steep ravines provide habitats for a number of rare & uncommon species
Allegany	Green Ridge SF	Deep Run	Deep Run	154	Expansion	Small additions to an existing wildland that will minimize the edge effects of an irregular boundary

Allegany	Dans Mtn WMA	Dans Mountain		4,180	New	Part of a multi-state Appalachian ridgeline; an important corridor for migratory birds, including the Golden Eagle; one of the largest contiguous forested tracts in MD; habitat for 15 rare species; a movement corridor for species with large ranges such as bears & bobcats
Frederick	Cunningham Falls SP	Trout Run	Cunningham Falls Wildland	423	Expansion	A large forested tract in a highly populated area; Little Hunting Creek supports a diverse assemblage of aquatic life, including the rare Southern Pygmy Clubtail & one of the few native brook trout populations
Frederick	Cunningham Falls SP	Thurmont Watershed	Cunningham Falls Wildland	402	Expansion	A mature forest in a highly populated area; an ecological & scenic buffer for the nearby Cat Rocks Natural Area
Calvert	Parkers Creek HFC	Parkers Creek		1,705	New	Habitat for numerous RTE species, including 4 globally-rare insects, including the Puritan Tiger Beetle, recognized as an important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society
Charles	Mattawoman NEA	Mattawoman	Mattawoman Wildland	1,400	Expansion	A large wetland complex containing diverse communities; habitat for a number of rare plants, including the American Lotus and the Pale Green Orchid; supports a large colony of nesting Great Blue Herons
Charles	Chapman State Park	Chapman's Forest		656	New	A combination of mature forest, non-tidal wetlands & shoreline; habitat for more than 20 rare species, including the Glade Fern, Hitchcock's Sedge & the Single-Headed Pussytoes; a FIDS breeding area
Charles	Zekiah Swamp NEA	Zekiah Swamp – Allens Fresh		422	New	A high-quality wetland complex containing brackish tidal marsh, fresh tidal marsh, mudflats & forested tidal & non-tidal wetlands; habitat for several rare plants, including Long's Bittercress & the Deciduous Holly; recognized as an important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society
Worcester	Pocomoke River WMA	Pocomoke – Bachelors Branch	Pocomoke River Wildland	472	Expansion	Part of an extensive Bald Cypress Swamp associated with the Pocomoke River; habitat for 4 rare plant species; part of a much larger FIDS habitat
Worcester	Pocomoke River SF	Pocomoke – Poorhouse Branch	Pocomoke River Wildland	96	Expansion	Part of an extensive Bald Cypress Swamp associated with Pocomoke River; habitat for 3 rare plants, including the Seaside Adler, the Long's Bittercress, & Catch-Fly Grass
Worcester	Pocomoke River SF	Pocomoke – Whiton's Crossing	Pocomoke River Wildland	1,125	Expansion	Part of an extensive Bald Cypress Swamp associated with Pocomoke River; habitat for the rare Catch-Fly Grass; part of a large contiguous forest considered FIDS habitat
Worcester	Hickory Point HCF	Hickory Point Cypress Swamp	Cypress Swamp Wildland	315	Expansion	Part of an extensive Bald Cypress Swamp associated with Pocomoke River; habitat for a number of rare plants, including the largest population of Red Bay
Somerset	Janes Island SP	Janes Island		3,210	New	A salt marsh island with few signs of human disturbance; habitat for the world's largest population of Northeastern Beach Tiger Beetle
Baltimore	Soldiers Delight MEA	Soldiers Delight	Soldiers Delight Wildland	341	Expansion	An extremely rare serpentine grassland ecosystem; habitat for 40 RTE species; an important geological area
Montgomery	Islands of the Potomac WMA		Islands of the Potomac Wildland	121	Expansion	Part of an extensive system of islands associated with the Potomac River; contain diverse habitats and exhibit very little human disturbance

RTE = Rare, threatened or endangered
FIDS = Forest Interior Dwelling Species

Wildlands Hearing Schedule

This is the schedule of hearings to receive public views to help DNR decide whether to recommend additional wildlands designations to the Governor.

Allegany County

Thursday, November 7, 6:00 p.m.
Continuing Education Building, Room CE8
Allegany College
12401 Willowbrook Road
Cumberland, MD 21502

Baltimore County

Thursday, November 7, 6:30 p.m.
Conference Room
Soldiers Delight Natural Environment Area
5100 Deer Park Road
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Calvert County

Tuesday, October 29, 6:00 p.m.
Prince Frederick Library
850 Costley Way
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Charles County

Monday, November 4, 6:00 p.m.
Center for Business & Industry, Room 104
College of Southern Maryland
8730 Mitchell Road
LaPlata, MD 20646

Frederick County

Monday, October 28, 6:00 p.m.
Thurmont Regional Library
76 East Moser Road
Thurmont, MD 21788

Garrett County

Wednesday, November 6, 6:00 p.m.
Discovery Center Meeting Room
Deep Creek Lake State Park
898 State Park Road
Swanton, Maryland 21561

Montgomery County

Wednesday, October 30, 6:30 p.m.
Visitor Center
Seneca Creek State Park
11950 Clopper Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Somerset County

Wednesday, November 6, 6:00 p.m.
Nature Center
Janes Island State Park
26280 Alfred J. Lawson Drive
Crisfield MD 21817

Worcester County

Tuesday, October 29, 7:00 p.m.
Camp Store Dining Area, Shad Landing State Park
3461 Worcester Highway
Snow Hill MD 21863

Comments by email can be sent to

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Wildlands Comments

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