

**Williamsburg Lodge
310 S England Street
Williamsburg, VA 23185**

“Humans- despite their artistic pretensions, their sophistication, and their many accomplishments- owe their existence to a six-inch layer of topsoil and the fact that it rains.”

Proverb

Meeting Goals:

- (1) Gain a broader and deeper understanding of what is working well and potential solutions to challenges with conservation practices on agricultural lands. (2) Refresh and renew CAC priorities for 2019.

Wednesday, February 20- Tidewater C/D

- 11:00 a.m. Call to Order.....Matt Ehrhart, Chair**
- Introduction of Members and Guests
 - Opening Remarks about the meeting
- 11:15 a.m. Discussion and Updates on Chesapeake Bay Program.....Jim Edward
Deputy Director, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program**
- Phase III WIP Schedule
 - Impacts of the recent Government Shutdown
 - 2019 Grant Guidance to Jurisdictions
 - Conowingo Dam WIP RFA
 - Updates on staffing at CBPO
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch**
- 12:45 p.m. Learning Session from CAC Water Quality and Agriculture Subcommittee**
- What is the difference between NRCS, FSA and SWCDs?
 - What roles do the federal, state and local government agencies play in Ag conservation practices?
 - How do nonprofit organizations, universities and extension agencies fit in?
 - What are the basics of conservation in the Farm Bill?
 - What is 1619 privacy?
 - How do global markets or international trade agreements/tariffs impact American farmers?
 - What are the challenges with verification of Ag BMPs?
- 1:45 p.m. Discussion on VA Agriculture and Forestry.....Secretary Bettina Ring
Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry**
- 2:30 p.m. Break**
- 2:45 p.m. Discussion on NRCS Priorities and role in the Chesapeake BayBarry Frantz
Chesapeake Bay Coordinator, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA**

- 3:30 p.m. Panel Discussion- Challenges and Opportunities with Agricultural Conservation Practices**
Moderator: Joe Maroon, CAC Member
10 minute opening remarks from each; 35 min Q&A
- Kristen Hughes Evans, Executive Director, Sustainable Chesapeake
 - Jim Wallace, District Manager, Colonial Soil and Water Conservation District
 - Keith Boyd, Assistant State Conservationist, VA NRCS
 - James Davis Martin, VA DEQ
- 4:45 p.m. CAC Member Observations and Closing Remarks**
- 5:00 p.m. Meeting Recess**
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner- Dog Street**
 Members continue to discuss local river and Chesapeake Bay issues in an informal setting

Thursday, February 21- Tidewater C/D

Breakfast buffet available in meeting room at 8:00am (Check out of the hotel before the meeting begins.)

- 8:30 a.m. Call to Order / Working Breakfast.....Matt Ehrhart, Chair**
- Approve November 2018 Meeting Minutes
 - CAC Member Updates and Announcements
 - New CAC Governance and Membership Subcommittee
 - Reflections on the previous day
- 9:15 a.m. Chesapeake Commons.....John Dawes, Jr. Executive Director**
- How data and technology services are helping stakeholders to address local environmental issues and target restoration
 - Learn about Water Reporter and how local organizations are using it
 - How FieldDoc provides technological support for BMP verification
- 10:00 a.m. Break**
- 10:15 a.m. CAC Discussion: Roles and Priorities**
- Overview of CAC’s Role and Roles of Subcommittees
 - Overview of Priority Setting, Aftercare and Recent CAC priorities
- 10:30 a.m. CAC Subcommittee Break-out Sessions**
- Priority setting for 2019
- 11:10 am Report from Subcommittees and Voting**
- 11:30 a.m. CAC Discussion, Final Thoughts and Action Items**
- What are the findings and action items from the discussion?
 - How can CAC engage on these topics after the meeting?
 - Ideas for May 2019 CAC meeting agenda in Baltimore following the Choose Clean Water Coalition Conference
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn**

2019 CAC Meeting Dates:

May 22-23 in Baltimore; September 18-19 in PA; November 21-22 in DC