FINAL AGENDA

October 16, 2014  Day 1

8:30-9:00 a.m.  Arrival (Continental Breakfast Provided)

9:00-9:30 a.m.  Welcome and Opening Remarks

Speakers:
Doug Simmons, Deputy Administrator/Chief Engineer, Maryland State Highway Administration
Bud Wright, Executive Director, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
Heather Lowe, NEPA Compliance Section Team Leader, Environmental Planning Division, Maryland State Highway Administration

9:30-10:30 a.m.  Creating Maryland’s Watershed Resources Registry

Overview: This presentation will focus on the process followed in Maryland to build the WRR from concept to reality. This will include the formation of the WRR team, development of goals, and implementation of the GIS framework.
Speakers:
Sandy Hertz, Deputy Director, Office of Environmental Design, Maryland State Highway Administration
Ellen Bryson, Geographer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Baltimore District

10:30-10:45 a.m.  Break

10:45-11:45 a.m.  WRR Demonstrations

Overview: This presentation will highlight the web-based application that Maryland has implemented and will include both a video overview and live demonstration.
Speakers:
Theresa Foye, GIS Supervisor, Maryland Environmental Service (video overview)
Brittany Smith, ORISE Intern, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 3

11:45-12:30 p.m.  Lunch

12:30-1:30 p.m.  WRR – A Federal Perspective

Overview: Federal agencies will discuss how the WRR aligns with their agency specific programs.
Speakers:
Dominique Lueckenhoff, Deputy Director, Water Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 3
Lauren Diaz, National Transportation Liaison, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Headquarters
1:30-1:40 p.m. Break

1:40–3:15 p.m. Maryland State of Practice
Overview: Agencies will walk attendees through the use of the WRR application using a transportation case study.
Speakers:
Donna Buscemi, NEPA Compliance Team Leader, Environmental Planning Division, Maryland State Highway Administration
Kelly Neff, Chief, Mitigation and Technical Assistance, Maryland Department of the Environment
Christine Conn, Director, Integrated Policy and Review Unit, Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Dana Havlik, Assistant Chief, Highway Hydraulics Division, Maryland State Highway Administration

3:15-3:30 p.m. Break

3:30-5:00 p.m. Transferring the WRR – Proof of Concept
Overview: Discussion of federal regulatory perspective and next steps for transferring the WRR. A proof of concept will be provided using National data sets. An open discussion will follow allowing attendees to speak to challenges within their own jurisdictions, establishing the starting point for Day 2.
Speakers:
William Seib, Regulatory Branch Chief, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Baltimore District
Ralph Spangno, Watershed Program Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 3
Michael Herzberger, GIS Manager, Maryland Environmental Service

Evening Dinner on attendees’ own (Optional social outing)

October 17, 2014 Day 2

8:00-8:30 a.m. Arrival (Full Breakfast Provided)

8:30-10:30 a.m. Implementation Plans
Overview: Attendees will break out into regional groups to begin to develop their implementation plans. Groups will have one member from the Maryland TAC to help facilitate the discussion and work through provided workbook materials.

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break

10:45-11:15 a.m. Group Presentations
Overview: – Report out from each group on discussions and identified next steps.

11:15-11:45 a.m. Initiate Users Community
Overview: – Discussion of additional resources and collaboration to implement the WRR.

11:45 a.m.-Noon Summary/Housekeeping