Proposed Agenda

Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and

Nature Resources Retreat

September 12-13, 2016

Monday, September 12

12:00 PM - 12:15 PM Arrive at Brock Environmental Center and provided lunch

12:15 PM - 12:20 PM Welcome legislators and introduction of panel members

 **Mr Will Baker,** President

 Chesapeake Bay Foundation

**Ms. Rebecca LePrell,** Virginia Director Chesapeake Bay Foundation

12:20 PM - 12:50 PM Presentations by panel members

 **Ms. Erin Hawkins,** Water Quality Manager,

 City of Lynchburg

 Presentation: Use of Stormwater Local Assistance Fund to install projects to treat runoff.

 **Ms. Ingrid Stenbjorn,** Town Engineer,

 Town of Ashland

 Presentation: How small locality has used local, state and federal resources (including the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund) to install projects that treat polluted runoff. Discussion of holistic approach in implementing water quality and quantity issues.

 **Ms. Christine Morris,** Chief Resiliency Officer,

 City of Norfolk

 Presentation: Protection of water quality and addressing sea level rise.

Monday, September 12

12:50 PM -1:10 PM Q and A with Panelists

 **Moderator: Ms. Christy Everett,** Director

 Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay Foundation

 Discussion: Cost effective projects to reduce flooding and improve water quality of runoff; lessons learned and benefits realized; leveraging of resources using multiple partners.

1:10 PM -1:40 PM Tour of Brock Environmental Center

 Solar panel, wind turbines, geothermal wells, rain cisterns, waterless toilets, natural landscaping, elevation 14 feet above sea level.

1:45 PM - 4:30 PM Boat trips

1:45 PM - 2:15 PM Athey reef, sanctuary oyster reef in Lynnhaven Inlet, overview of oyster restoration efforts and reef construction.

2:15 PM - 2:30 PM Pulling of crab pots - discussion of crab population and contents of crab pots.

2:30 PM - 2:40 PM Travel to Broad Bay for discussion about crabs and surveys.

2:40 PM - 3:10 PM Trawl with an examination of critters and discussion of water quality impacts.

3:10 PM - 4:00PM Travel to oyster leases on Lynnhaven River with discussion of oyster agriculture, leasing and user conflicts.

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Return to Brock Environmental Center.

**Tuesday, September 13 (Eastern Shore)**

9:00AM - 11:00 AM Briefing and discussion on Agriculture and the Chesapeake Bay (crop protection, poultry and manure concerns, food safety, stormwater runoff, best management practices, and support for Agricultural Research and Extension Center).

 Possible site visits: C & E Farms (snap bean processor in Cheriton), and Pacific Tomato Growers (Eastville),

 **Dr. Steven Rideout**, Director

 Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center

 **Mr. Butch Nottingham**

 Eastern Region Sales and Marketing

 VDACS

 **Ms. Ursula Deitch**

 Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent Northampton County

 **Ms. Theresa Long**

 Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent

 Accomack County

11:15AM - 12:45PM Clam Production (Land and water onboard discussion)

 **Mr. Tim Rapine**, Managing Director

 Cherrystone Aqua Farms

**Tuesday, September 13 (Eastern Shore)**

1:00AM - 2:15PM Kiptopeke State Park (includes lunch)

 Tour and presentation on Virginia State Park System

 **Mr. Clyde Cristman**, Director

 Department of Conservation and Recreation

 **Mr. Craig Seaver**, Director

 Division of State Parks

 Department of Conservation and Recreation

2:15PM-3:00PM Return to Virginia Beach Conference Center