York County Chesapeake Bay Board Report to Board of Supervisors January 17, 2017

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Mission Statement

"To protect and improve the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries by minimizing the impact of human activity on the waters within Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas"

The Chesapeake Bay Board consists of seven full-time members and two alternates serving four-year terms with a two-term limit.

Composition

Chair: Richard Wheat
Vice Chair: Jacques van Montfrans
Iris Anderson
Paul Brindza
Stephen Farthing
John Tinneny
Michael Woolson

Alternates
Brian Almond
Bradley Berrane

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Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas (CBPA's)

- The Chesapeake Bay Board is a REGULATORY board that grants exceptions to the CBPA Ordinance.
- The Chesapeake Bay Board also hears appeals of Staff decisions, orders or requirements.
- Appeals by applicants to the Board's decisions are made to Circuit Court

Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas (CBPA's)

- CBPA's are composed of Resource Protection Areas (RPA's) and Resource Management Areas (RMA's)
- The RPA consists of perennial streams, tidal shores, tidal wetlands and certain non-tidal wetlands AND the required 100-foot buffer
- The RMA extends from the RPA landward 500-feet

Tidal Stream

Perennial Stream

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Tidal wetlands, non-tidal wetlands and tidal shores

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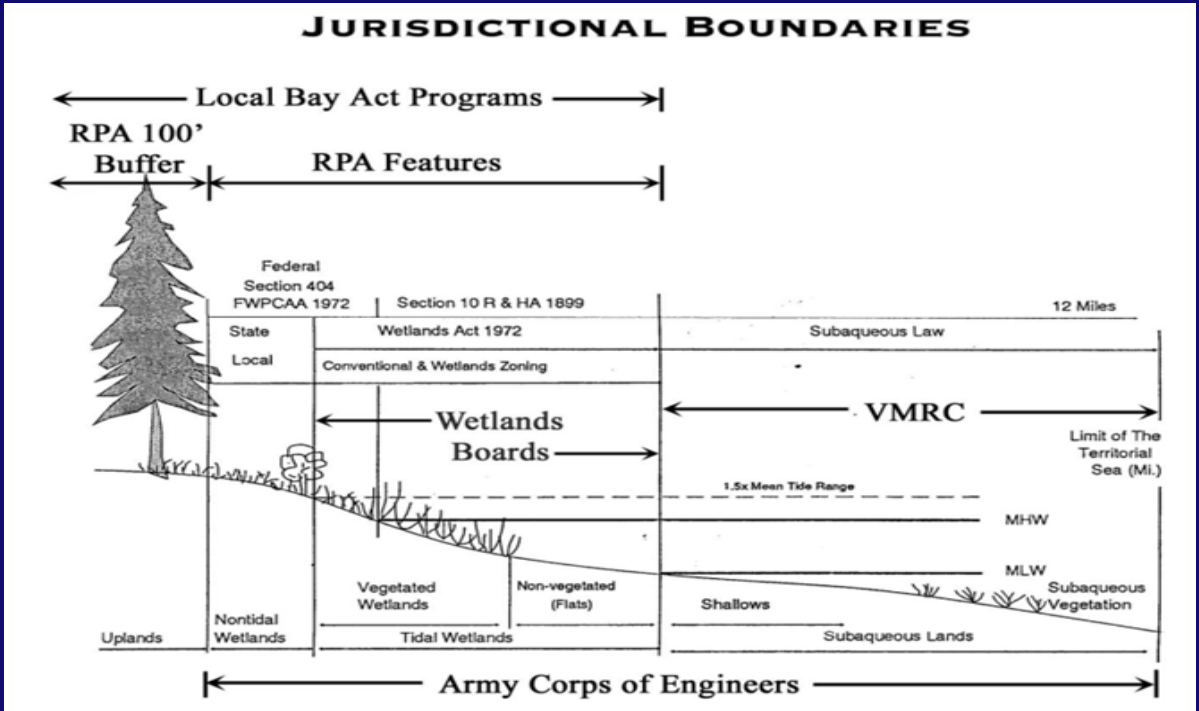
Chesapeake Bay Areas



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The RPA BUFFER is intended to be left in its natural state with all development occurring in the RMA. The Chesapeake Bay Board may grant exceptions to allow development in the RPA under certain conditions

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The Chesapeake Bay Board is charged with granting exceptions to allow development in the buffer while balancing the needs of the property owner with the protection of the RPA

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2016 Accomplishments

- In 2016 – 191 applications were submitted for construction in Chesapeake Bay Preservations Areas
- Staff was able to administratively approve 184 of the applications
- The Chesapeake Bay Board acted upon seven of the applications for construction in the RPA buffer

2016 Accomplishments (Con'td)

Because three of the applications that were adjudicated by the Board were After-The-Fact, the Board conducted a special work session to develop a matrix to fairly impose civil charges.

QUESTIONS?