



# Maryland Adaptation and Response Working Group

Meeting #9 – March 7, 2008

Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
Maryland Department of Planning  
The Center for Climate Strategies

## Welcome and Introductions

- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Maryland Department of Planning
- Maryland Adaptation and Response Working Group (ARWG) Members
- Members of the Public
- Center for Climate Strategies

# Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Review Master List of Policy Options and Meeting Objectives
- Review Existing Built Environment & Infrastructure (EBEI) Policy Options
- Review Future Built Environment & Infrastructure (FBEI) Policy Options
- Working Lunch and Discussion of Cost Quantification
- Review Human Health, Safety, and Welfare (HHSW) Policy Options
- Review Natural Resources & Resource-Based Industries (RRI) Policy Options
- Next Steps
- Public Input and Wrap-Up

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## ARWG Stepwise Planning Process

1. Prepare Synthesis Report - Complete
2. Identify a full range of possible actions - 10/19  
*Identify 1-3 options for Interim Report* - 11/2
3. Identify priority options for analysis - 12/7
4. Restructure and re-arrange priority options - 1/11/08
5. Review Draft Straw Proposals - 2/8
6. Review Policy Options, Feasibility Issues - Today's ARWG
7. Develop alternatives to address barriers - TWGs
8. Aggregate results to extent applicable - TWGs
9. Approve Final Policy Options - 4/11 ARWG Mtg
10. Compile Policy Options Appendix (CCS, State) - ~4/18
11. Draft ARWG Report to the MCCC (State, CCS) - ~4/30
12. Discuss & Finalize Report Recommendations - 5/9 ARWG Mtg

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## Existing Built Environment & Infrastructure TWG

- EBEI - 2 Observation System for Changes in Coastal Zones
- EBEI - 3 Adaptation of Vulnerable Coastal Infrastructure
- EBEI – 10 Disclosure (e.g., of sea level rise risk at time of real estate transfer)
- Common Option: Upgraded Development Standards

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## Future Built Environment & Infrastructure TWG

- FBEI-2 “AdaptationStat” program (like “BayStat”) to track progress
- FBEI-5 Create a Climate Change and Insurance Advisory Committee
- FBEI-8 Economic Development Initiative (for green tech entities)
- Common Option: Integrated Planning for Sea Level Rise and Associated Coastal Hazards
- Common Option: Integrated GIS, Monitoring, and Modeling

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## Lunch Break

- Working Lunch
- Reconsideration Regarding Quantification of Costs

## Human Health, Safety & Welfare

- HHSW-1 Health Impacts Assessments of policy options within the Climate Change Action Plan
- HHSW-2 Improve Coordination Across Agencies Responsible for Human Health and Safety
- HHSW-9 Vector-borne Surveillance and Control Programs
- Common Option: Hazard Preparedness and Emergency Planning
- Common Option: Public Awareness and Capacity Building

## Natural Resources & Resource-Based Industries

- Common Option: New Criteria for Priority Protection Areas
- RRI-4 Forest and Wetland Protection
- RRI-7 Modify Environmental Protection Regulations to Promote Sustainable Shorelines
- RRI-8 Resource-Based Industry Economic Impacts Assessments and/or Initiative

## Next Steps for TWGs

- Finalize characterization of policy options using template (with only qualitative reference to costs and benefits) for ARWG approval in April.

## Template for Characterizing Priority Adaptation Options

- Option Description
- Option Design (Target, Timing, Parties, etc.)
- Implementation Mechanisms
- Related Policies/Programs in Place
- *Qualitative Notes on Adaptation Benefits & Costs*
- *Documentation on Adaptation Benefits & Costs*
- Additional Benefits & Costs
- Feasibility Issues
- Status of Group Approval
- Barriers to Consensus

## Public Input, Announcements

## Next ARWG Meeting

- **Date, Time and Location:**
  - Friday, April 11, 2008
  - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
  - Location: MDE (?)
- **Agenda:**
  - ARWG approval and/or revision of policy options for all TWGs
- **Future Meetings**
  - New meeting scheduled:  
Friday, May 9, 2008

