



Calvert County Environmental Commission

TO: Board of County Commissioners
VIA: Terry Shannon, County Administrator *TAS*
FROM: Nick Graziano, Chair *NAC for H6*
DATE: September 3, 2013
SUBJECT: Briefing on Environmental Commission Goals and Action Plan

Background:

The Environmental Commission is a citizen advisory board that is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Environmental Commission, established in 1975, provides advice and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners, Planning Commission and Department of Community Planning and Building on environmental issues.

Discussion:

The Environmental Commission would like to brief the Board of County Commissioners on the Commission's goals and action plan for 2013 and get feedback and direction from the Board (see attached PowerPoint presentation). The Environmental Commission would also like to know if there are any additional environmental issues that the Board would like the Environmental Commission to address.

Conclusion/Recommendation:

The Environmental Commission is asking the Board of County Commissioners to approve or amend the proposed goals and action plan of the Environmental Commission and to recommend ways that the Environmental Commission can increase communication with the Board.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Attachments: PowerPoint Slides

C: Mary Cook,
Dave Brownlee
Planning Commission

Calvert County Environmental Commission

Brief to the Board of
County Commissioners

September 2013



AGENDA

- CHARTER
- HISTORICAL CALVERT AND ENVIRONMENT
- PRESENT STATE OF ENVIRONMENT
- EC IN 2012 – 2013
- FUTURE OF THE ENVIRONMENT
- QUESTIONS

EC CHARTER

- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, This 18th day of March 1975, that a Calvert County Environmental Commission be and the same is hereby created ...
- To have the specific function and responsibility of preparing recommendations pertaining to matters affecting the environment of Calvert County;
- To establish definitions and guidelines for matters affecting the environment of Calvert County;
- To prepare its recommendations in conjunction and in coordination with other County agencies;

Signed C. Bernard Fowler, former President BOCC

EC Members

- John Barberio – Sr. I/T Architect
- Kurt Brezina – Building Inspector
- Mark Edmondson - Geographer
- Nick Graziano – EC Chair - Facility Manager
- Michelle Major – Financial Analyst
- Rachel O’Shea – Environmental Specialist
- Scott Sinex – Chemist & Educator
- Christine Yott – Environmental Consultant
- Joanne Simmons – Energy Analyst

Community Planning & Building Staff

- Dave Brownlee, Principal Environmental Planner
- Pam Anderson, Administrative Assistant, Educator



CALVERT HISTORY

- **CALVERT CULTURE**
 - Agriculture and Fishing
 - Tourism
 - Water Recreation
- **CALVERT ENVIRONMENT**
 - Growth and Development Impact
 - Declining Quality
- **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**
 - Provide County oversight concerning environmental issues

EC IN PAST YEAR

- **Promoting Healthy Environmental Watershed Awareness**
- **Partnered with Calvert County School Liaison to assist with the EC and County Environmental efforts**
- **Partnered with the Green Team and Calvert Marine Museum to continue outreach efforts**
- **Enhanced the website and added Environmental Tips**
- **Reviewed County and State/Federal proposed environmental regulations.**

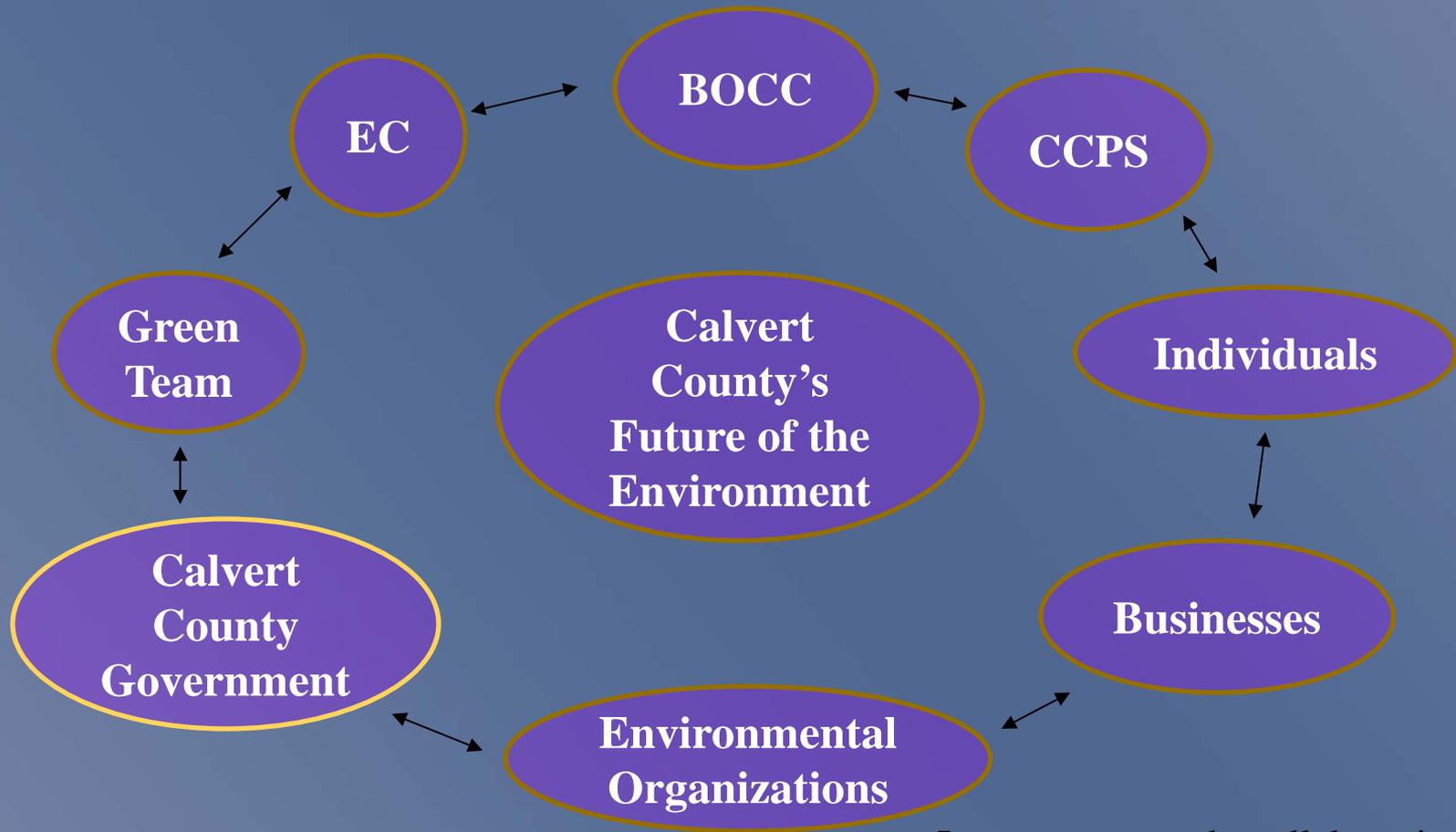
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PRESENT STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT – CALVERT

- Bernie Fowler's Wade-in
- 2012 CBL Tidal Creeks Study
- County Freshwater Creeks Study
- State of the Bay
- Patuxent River Report Card from University of Maryland
- Overall

FUTURE OF CALVERT COUNTY



Increase outreach, collaboration and communication among individuals and organizations

Environmental Summit



Other ways BOCC can use the EC to further enhance Calvert County's Environment?

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