

Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act Amendments

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AMENDMENTS

HB504 (2020) adds two new considerations to the regulations that implement the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act

“Coastal resilience and adaptation to sea level rise and climate change”

“Preservation of mature trees or planting of trees as a water quality protection tool and as a means of providing other natural resource benefits”



REGULATORY TIMELINE

October 29, 2020 - DEQ staff holds public discussion on CBPA, climate adaptation, and resiliency.

December 9, 2020 - DEQ staff present draft regulations to State Water Control Board. SWCB authorizes DEQ to submit proposed regulations for 90-day public comment period and requires DEQ staff to convene a stakeholder meeting after comment period concludes.

January 27, 2021 - DEQ staff holds public information session on proposed regulations.

February 1, 2021 - Proposed regulations posted to Virginia Townhall for 90-day comment period.

May 3, 2021 - Comments on proposed regulations due.



HRPDC SCHEDULE

- March 3 Briefing to CAOs
- March 4 Briefing to Regional Environmental Committee. Feedback on initial draft comment letter.
- March 9 Revised draft letter sent to localities for review.
- March 22 Comments due from localities.
- March 26 Briefing to Coastal Resiliency Committee
- March 31 Briefing to Planning Directors
- April 1 Regional Environmental Committee votes on endorsing comment letter.
- April 15 HRPDC board votes on submitting letter to State Water Control Board.

