



## CALVERT COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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### Meeting Agenda: Monday June 26, 2023 at 6pm

This meeting is hybrid: Prince Fred. Library Meeting Room 3; [Zoom](#); and via telephone: 301-715-8592  
ID: **89006751635**, passcode: **181043**

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call for Quorum**
- II. **Approval of Agenda for June 26, 2023**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from [May 22, 2023](#)**
- IV. **Budget:**
  - a. Radon kits and rain barrel received.
  - b. 1,000 septic-reminder magnet purchase order didn't make it; will re-order with FY 24 funds on July 1.
- V. **Strategic Initiatives Update**
  - a. Water Quality Initiative (Kevin):
  - b. Radon (Amalia): No update
  - c. Pump for the Bay (Amalia): ~9 entries received.
- VI. **Subcommittee Reports**
  - a. FAQs (Jim):
    - i. Wildlife website (Andy):
    - ii. Existing FAQ review (Jim):
  - b. Public Education/Outreach (Heather/Amalia): Seed packets are ordered
    - i. Calvert County Fair Youth Day (September 29<sup>th</sup>, 9-4)
    - ii. Patuxent River Appreciate Day (October ???)
    - iii. Southern Maryland Invasives Festival (October ???, new event at Jefferson Patterson)
  - c. 2023 Guest Speakers (CHAIR VACANCY): No speakers are scheduled for August through December.  
Dr. Mark Southerland will be speaking to us on July 31<sup>st</sup> on bird-safe buildings.
- VII. **Sustainability Awards Program:** Tabled for now.
- VIII. **Environmental Calendar:** Tabled for now.
- IX. **[Zoning Ordinance Update](#):** Calvert's Zoning Ordinance is being updated. Articles 3-9 are the current focus and address agricultural, residential, historic, and commercial and industrial districts. Public comment on these articles will be open until July 21. (Note that feedback on any article is welcome *at any time*; the articles are divided into comment periods to help focus attention and resources.)

The next focus will move to Critical Area, marine, and floodplain articles. This is a yearlong with multiple meetings and hearings so please stay tuned and reach out with feedback and concerns.

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1. The date, time, and location of any Environmental Commission meeting may be revised by announcement of an emergency, such as inclement weather, without further publication and may be confirmed on the County website or calling 410-535-1600 ext. 2727 on the date of the meeting.
2. Public comments during Environmental Commission Work Sessions are at the discretion of the Chairperson.
3. There may be a five-minute break at 7:00 p.m. at the discretion of the Chairperson.
4. A decision will be made at 8:00 p.m. whether to continue the meeting or reschedule.
5. Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made with reasonable notice.
6. The Environmental Commission operates under *Robert's Rules*.

### May 2023 Draft Zoning Ordinance

- [A1 Title, Purpose, and Applicability](#)
- [A2 Definitions](#)
- [A3 Zoning Map](#)
- [A4 Agricultural Districts](#)
- [A5 Rural Residential Districts](#)
- [A6 Residential Districts](#)
- [A7 Commercial Districts](#)
- [A8 Industrial Districts](#)
- [A9 Historic Districts](#)
- [A17 Transferable Development Rights](#)
- [A18 Uses](#)
- [A18 Table 18-1 Outside Town Center Uses](#)
- [A18 Table 18-2 Town Center Uses](#)
- [A18 Table 18-3 Solomons Town Center Uses](#)
- [A19 Accessory Structures](#)
- [A20 Forest Conservation](#)
- [A21 Natural Resources](#)
- [A22 Critical Area](#)
- [A23 Marine and Water-Dependent Facilities](#)
- [A24 Floodplain](#)
- [A25 Site Development and Design Standards](#)
- [A26 Outdoor Lighting](#)
- [A27 Parking](#)
- [A28 Landscaping](#)
- [A29 Signs](#)
- [A30 Zoning Approvals, Variances, and Appeals](#)
- [A31 Subdivision](#)
- [A32 Nonconformities](#)
- [A33 Enforcement](#)
- [Comparing Articles 3 through 9 of Draft Zoning Ordinance with Current Ordinance FINAL](#)

The [‘ordinance update’ webpage](#) provides draft articles; Article 18 and its accompanying tables provide details of uses.

## X. General Announcements

- a. Next meeting is July 31 and will focus on bird-safe buildings.
- b. On June 6, 2023, the BOCC approved a \$381 million fiscal year (FY) [2024 general fund operating budget](#). FY 2024 begins July 1, 2023 and ends June 30, 2024. The \$38.6 million increase includes \$3.2 million in additional income tax revenue, \$22.3 million in property tax revenue, and an \$18.6 million increase to use of prior year fund balance pay-go, as well as a \$5.5 million decrease to other revenue categories, including health insurance reimbursement. Of the increased revenues, \$32 million will be used to restore funding to the Capital Improvement Plan and provide additional funding to the Board of Education, Technology Services, the Sheriff’s Office and Career Emergency Medical Services. Funding towards education remains the primary focus of the budget, comprising 41% of the general fund operating budget and 22% of the six-year capital projects budget. Education funding for operations of \$154.7 million is provided, which is \$13.4 million over the funding provided in FY 2023. (June 7, 2023 News Flash)