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There will not be a Commission Neeting or any

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# CRITICAL ACTIVITIES

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## C.B.C.A.C. JUNE MEETING

The Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission will hold its June meeting on Wednesday, June 05, 1991 in St. Mary's City. The regular monthly meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. in the Montgomery Fine Arts Center of St. Mary's College followed at 12:30 by a lunch in \ the Daugherty-Palmer Commons. At 02:00 P.M. the C.B.C.A.C will host symposium entitled Land and Resource Management in Southern's Maryland: Past, Present and Future. For further information and/or reservations, please contact Hugh Smith at the Commission.

## The Wharf at Handy Point, Kent County

On March 20, 1991 Judge Owen Wise of the Kent County Circuit Court reversed the decision of the Kent County Planning Commission granting site plan approval to a marina development project ( parking lot and dry boat storage area in the 100' forested, steeply sloped buffer). At this time it is not known whether or not the developer will appeal Judge Wise's decision. Pat Pudelkewicz and George Gay are coordinating the C.B.C.A.C's actions on this matter and can be contacted for further information.

## Maryland Stadium Authority

On March 06, 1991 the C.B.C.A.C voted, 18 in favor with 2 abstentions, to approve the Maryland Stadium Authority's draft plans for development within the Critical Area with conditions as follow: that the project be constructed in compliance with the plans reviewed on March 06 by the Project Evaluation Sub-Committee; that the C.B.C.A.C staff and Project Evaluation Sub-Committee be able to review and approve the final plans before the Authority advertises for construction bids. Contact Dawnn McCleary, Natural Resources Planner, for further information on this project.

#### Timber Harvest Plans

Anne Hairston, C.B.C.A.C Natural Resources Planner and Forestry Adviser, continued work on refining General Approvals for Timber Harvest Plans in preparation for reconvening the Task Force assigned to the issue.

## Sediment Erosion Control Techniques and Site Plan Review Procedures

On March 07, Liz Zucker, C.B.C.A.C. Scientific Adviser, Ren Serey, and Claudia Jones spent a day with the staff of the Prince George's County Soil Conservation Service to learn more about sediment erosion control techniques and site plan review procedures, in situ. The morning was spent discussing erosion control measures and reviewing site plans for a specific development project. The afternoon was spent in the field examining the various control structures used on the subject site and discussing the effectiveness of each technique.

#### **Interns**

Interns David Shirey and Lisa Sprinkle completed research projects on the Buffer, impervious surfaces, and growth allocation provisions of the local Critical Area Programs.

#### **Projects**

Ren Serey, C.B.C.A.C Project Evaluation Division Chief, reports that in March the Commission Staff reviewed 65 local development projects. These projects fall into the following categories:

Subdivisions: 10
Site Plans: 18
Building Permits: 02
Special Exceptions: 02
Conditional Uses: 02
Variances: 21

Major projects under review are Hanover Run in St. Mary's County and Potomac Cliffs in Charles County. Each involves the potential alteration of significant forest areas. The staff will continue to work closely with the local planners to assure site design that is protective of natural features and habitats.

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