



**Back Bay Restoration Foundation “State of the Bay” Conference
FY2009**

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Back Bay Forum Agenda

March 17, 2010 at the Advanced Technology Center in Virginia Beach

8:00 - 8:30	Registration, continental breakfast, visit displays
8:30 - 8:40	<i>Welcome and Introductions</i> Todd Barnes, BBRF President
8:40 - 9:00	<i>The President at Back Bay</i> Lillie Gilbert, Wild River Outfitters
9:00 - 9:30	<i>Buy Fresh Buy Local</i> Jo Ann Hofheimer
9:30 - 10:00	<i>Hanging Curtains, Growing Grass and Stocking Bass</i> Chad Boyce, VDGIF
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 10:45	<i>TMDL Implementation Plan</i> Bill Johnston, City of Virginia Beach
10:45 - 11:15	<i>Wetland Restoration/Shoreline Management</i> Walter Priest, NOAA
11:15 - 11:45	<i>Agricultural Reserve Program</i> Jenny McPherson, City of Virginia Beach
11:45 - 12:15	<i>Waterfowl Populations in Back Bay</i> Gary Costanzo, VDGIF
12:15 - 1:15	Lunch and visit displays
1:15 - 1:45	<i>CREP Riparian Buffer Easements</i> Diane Dunaway, DCR
1:45 - 2:15	<i>Local Farming Practices</i> Brandon Horsley
2:15- 2:45	<i>Lake Tecumseh Weir Project</i> Will Smith, FWS
2:45- 3:00	<i>Closing Remarks</i> Todd Barnes, BBRF President

Back Bay Forum Registration

Last	First
Amed	Daniel
Anderson	Maureen
Ardison	Gary
Atwood	Sandy
Bahringer	Nils
Barbour	Kyle
Barnes	Julie
Barnes	Todd
Benas	Al
Bernick	Clay
Biggs-Davis	Buffi
Bosher	Kitty
Boyce	Chad

Boyton	Michelle
Brandwein	Jared
Brandwein	Louise
Brooks	Jeff
Brown	Molly
Childress	Gentry
Cooper	Maria
Collins	Kevin
Costanzo	Gary
Craddock	Castle
Davis	Joe
Davis	Sarah
Devlin	Tim
Dunaway	Diane
Dyer	Richard
Early	Gayle
Ellin	Charlie
Felini	Rick
Felini	Nancy
Fisher	Carl
Flanagan	Roy
Flemming	Bill
Fortier	Ren
French	Susan
Gallegos	John
Garver	Sara
Gerrit	John
Gilbert	Lillie
Gilbert	Chris
Gilbert	Spooky
Gilbert	Will
Green	Gayle
Hamilton	Donna
Harper	Gabe
Harper	Scott
Henley	Barbara
Highers	Catherine
Hill	Noah
Hofheimer	Jo Ann
Horsley	Brandon
Horsley	Don
Hurd	Charlie
Jackson	Andrew
James	Roselyn
James	Ellis W.
Johnson	Carl
Johnston	Bill
Jones	Amy

Karrel	Julie
Keel	Ralph
Kerr	Sallie
Kight	Otis
Kincaid	MaryAnn
Kincaid	James
Knight	Delegate Barry
Kunz	Helen
LeBlanc	Norm
Lee	Michelle
Levandoski	Eileen
Manfred	Charles
McBride	Suzanne
McHugh	Terrence
McKenna	Charles
McPherson	Jenny
Mireles	Geralyn
Nichols	Rose
Nichols	Curtis
Nolan	Susan
Nolan	Greg
O'Keefe	James
Orsargos	Andy
Owens	Greg
Owens	Kathy
Pascarosa	Terra
Pawson III	Ellis, G.
Perry	Clarence
Petticrew	Cheryl
Pope	Sarah
Priest	Walter
Ried-Barrow	Mary
Rosenberg	Steve
Sanford	Katie
Schaefer	Barbara
Shean	Michelle
Shufer	Vicki
Smith	Blaine
Smith	Michelle
Smith	Will
Stamper	Robin
Stankus	Chris
Staples	Diane
Swain	Cameron
Tegge	Walt
Trimmer	David
Ullmann	Jody
Waterfield	Peggy

Watkins	Carol
Watkins	Floyd
Welker	Frank
Wenzel	Susan
Wessel	John
Whittemore	Richard
Wishart	Diane
Young	Tom
Youngs	Don

Back Bay Forum Name Tag



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Product #2 Title: CD of the 2009 Back Bay Forum Presentations 15% Deliverables
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Product #3 Title: Action Plan 45% Deliverables
Back Bay Restoration Foundation Action Plan
 (Follow up actions to the Back Bay Forum 2010)

The Action Plan for the restoration and protection of the Back Bay watershed focuses upon items gleaned from comment forms provided by Forum attendees. Specific Action Items include the following:

1. **Encourage networking of related interest groups.**
 - a. Back Bay Restoration Foundation will continue to coordinate efforts with local watershed and wildlife groups as well as local, state and federal government entities in an effort to share contacts and resources, ensure coordination of projects and proposals, garner support for efforts, and facilitate the widest dissemination of information relating to pertinent environmental initiatives.
 - b. Back Bay Restoration Foundation will continue to provide speakers from local watershed and wildlife groups for future forums and bi-monthly membership meetings.

- c. Back Bay Restoration Foundation will include applicable information booths at local events (farmer's market, Earth Day celebration, etc.) as well as at future Forums. This effort provides an additional outlet for distribution of pertinent information and well as affords local watershed and wildlife groups and government entities the opportunity to advertise/present their group to a varied subset of individuals.
2. **Workshops and hands-on restoration activities**
- a. Back Bay Restoration Foundation will continue its riparian buffer projects in the Back Bay watershed. The Foundation has identified two area schools interested in planting riparian buffers in the Back Bay watershed. The City of Virginia Beach has expressed an interest in continuing its support of these efforts and will coordinate with the BBRF Executive Director via monthly Clean Water Task Force meetings held in coordination with the city Environmental Management Office.
 - b. Back Bay Restoration Foundation will continue to participate in City Storm Water Management Program storm water drain marking program within the Back Bay Watershed. All necessary equipment as well as the markers are available to BBRF from the city Storm Water Management department. First batch of markers applied summer 2009. Second issue applied fall 2009. Summer 2010 interns will continue effort to mark all drains.
3. **Develop and implement Pollution Prevention Programs**
- a. Back Bay Restoration Foundation staff, members and volunteers will continue efforts to clean our watershed with the guidance of the City of Virginia Beach Clean Community Coalition. Specifically including expansion of existing roadway and waterway cleanups efforts, recycling programs and others and well as the procurement and installation of dog waste stations in the vicinity of walking trails and other high use areas in Back Bay watershed.
 - b. Efforts will be published in bi-monthly newsletters, on the Back Bay Facebook page and on the BBRF website to both garner volunteers and educated members about efforts.
4. **Further Current Educational Mission**
- a. Back Bay Restoration Foundation membership meetings and newsletter articles will feature information about storm water and erosion control BMP's. A series of articles has been developed by the Executive Director focusing upon point and non-point pollution, invasive and non-native species, riparian buffers and other issues impacting the Back Bay watershed.
 - b. Back Bay Restoration Foundation will continue providing information to local schools and area civic groups relating to issues concerning Back Bay watershed. The goals include raising awareness, securing a volunteer database, and fulfilling our educational intentions.

<http://www.bbrf.org/forum.htm>

Product #5 Title: Survey and comment form 10% Deliverables

131 participants (speakers, volunteers and attendees) provided with Survey and Comment form.
78 surveys returned complete. Compiled information follows:

Rate the overall effectiveness of the topics (1 lowest and 10 highest)

The President at Back Bay	8.1 (average)
Buy Fresh Buy Local	7.9 (average)
Hanging Curtains, Growing Grass and Stocking Bass	8.7 (average)
TMDL Implementation Plan	8.2 (average)
Wetland Restoration/Shoreline Management	8.4 (average)
Agricultural Reserve Program	7.1 (average)
Waterfowl Populations in Back Bay	7.9 (average)
CREP Riparian Buffer Easements	7.9 (average)
Local Farming Practices	9.3 (average)
Lake Tecumseh Weir Project	7.8 (average)

1. What topics would you like to see covered in future Forums:
 - Combine efforts with Lynnhaven River of Chesapeake Bay Foundation, other agency interaction (11)
 - Proactive/do it yourself restoration strategies (11)
 - More wildlife information (9)
 - City of VB comprehensive plan (7)
 - More extensive updates about ongoing issues (marina, etc.) (6)
 - More history and heritage from Lillie (5)
 - Long term refuge/watershed management strategies (4)
 - Mention other events/functions held by BBRF (4)
 - Available funding, fundraising opportunities (3)
 - BBRF mission statement, vision for future, goals, past projects (3)
2. What specifically of value did you learn at the Back Bay Forum?
 - Agriculture practices/info (18)
 - Lake Tecumseh Weir Project (14)
 - Presidential information (11)
 - Wildlife information (11)
 - Enjoyed broad range of ecosystem information (9)
 - Wetland restoration (6)
 - CREP (4)
 - Agricultural Reserve Program(2)
3. What changes would you like to see in next year's forum?
 - Recycle Bins (6)
 - Introduction of BBRF board members (4)
 - Working groups/workshops (4)

- Stay on schedule (2)
- Videotape/podcast (2)

Other:

- Good format, etc. Continue the good work. (27)
- Appreciate agriculture information (17)
- Exhibits were wonderful. Please continue this effort (11)
- Don't schedule Forum same day as HRPDC and TPO meetings (2)
- Like new name tags (1)
- Buy Fresh Buy Local talk was more promotional than informational (1)