

Potomac Monitoring Forum 2008

“Better Monitoring for Better
Water Resources
Management”

March 10 & 11, 2008
Cacapon Resort State Park
Berkeley Springs, WV

General Information

Please join us on March 10 & 11, 2008 for the Potomac Monitoring Forum 2008 at Cacapon Resort State Park in Berkeley Springs, WV. This two day forum offers those involved in water monitoring and water quality management an opportunity to see presentations on current issues, talk about issues, network with colleagues, share successes, and go back to their own programs with new ideas.

The Potomac Monitoring Forum 2008 schedule includes plenary presentations and focus group discussions. This is a working conference that will provide an opportunity for communication, cooperation, and collaboration among individuals and organizations involved in water monitoring throughout the Potomac Basin. In addition, exhibitors will be sharing the latest water monitoring technology and services at the Potomac Monitoring Forum.

The Forum begins at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 10, 2008 at the Cacapon Resort State Park and concludes at noon on Tuesday, March 11, 2008. The registration fees for the Forum are \$40 and include lunch and dinner on the first day, a light breakfast on the second day, and all breaks. Registration information and forms are available on the COG web site listed below.

www.mwcog.org/potomacforum

Key Presentations

On Monday, March 10th, we will kick off the Forum with these informative and timely presentations:

10:15 a.m. – Keynote Address

Better Monitoring for Better Water Resources Management – Current Issues in the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac Watersheds.

Dr. Donald F. Boesch, President, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

11:00 a.m.

Headwaters and the Upper Potomac

Dr. Robert H. Gardner, Director, UMCES Appalachian Laboratory

11:20 a.m.

Agricultural and Nonpoint Sources Issues

Dr. Tom Simpson, Regional Coordinator, Mid-Atlantic Regional Water Program

11:40 a.m.

Current Monitoring Issues in the Urban/Suburban Corridor

Keith Van Ness, Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection

12:00 p.m.

Monitoring and Management Actions in the Potomac River Estuary

Dr. Walter R. Boynton, UMCES Chesapeake Biological Laboratory

On Tuesday, March 11th, we will kick off the day with a presentation about the need for enhanced monitoring and assessment to determine if management actions are having the desired result:

8:30 a.m.

Chesapeake Bay Program efforts to identify priority areas and enhance monitoring in the Bay watershed

Scott Phillips, USGS Chesapeake Bay Coordinator

Breakout Sessions

The core of the Potomac Monitoring Forum 2008 will be four focus groups that will convene in the following breakout sessions on March 10th:

- Headwaters – the Upper Potomac;
- Agricultural and Rural – the Middle Potomac;
- Urban and Suburban Corridor; and
- Estuary and Tidal – the Lower Potomac.

Each focus group will have relevant presentations and a facilitated discussion to assess progress, identify current and future issues, and develop recommendations for current and future goals and actions. In addition,

volunteers will be recruited to fulfill or follow-up on the recommendations of the 2008 Forum.

Tuesday, March 11th will be an opportunity to switch to a different track, hear the key issues and findings presented the day before, and to ask questions/share your insights on these topics. The Forum will conclude by combining the four tracks back into a joint session. This is where we need your background knowledge and insights to find unifying themes between the tracks (e.g., identify monitoring gaps, funding requirements, and BMPs) and to help chart the future direction of Potomac River monitoring.

All participants will receive an electronic copy of the Forum Proceedings, which will include the recommendations from the Potomac Monitoring Forum 2008. It is our goal to share this document with key local, state, and federal decision makers, including legislators in the Potomac Basin.

Registration Instructions

Registration for the Potomac Monitoring Forum 2008 is only available online using an online registration form provided by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. [Please Click Here to Register for the Forum](#)

If you have registration questions or comments please contact Steve Bieber or Heidi Bonnaffon at (202) 962-3200.

The Forum begins at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 10, 2008 at the Cacapon Resort State Park and concludes at noon on Tuesday, March 11, 2008. The registration fees for the Forum are \$40 and include lunch and dinner on the first day, a light breakfast on the second day, and all breaks. Registration information and forms are available on the COG web site at www.mwcog.org/potomacforum

You are invited to make your own arrangements for lodging.

- There is lodging available at [Cacapon Resort State Park](#) .

To make Reservations, please call 1-800-CALL-WVA or 304-258-1022 & use Group Code **WAS08**.

- In Berkley Springs (~10 miles away), there are additional hotels, including [Best Western Berkely Springs](#).

Best Western rooms are available for \$69/night if you say you are part of the **Potomac Forum**. Call (866) 945-9400 to make a reservation.

- For additional information about Berkeley Springs and nearby accommodations, please see the following websites:
 - [Berkeley Springs official website](#)
 - [Berkeley Springs Chamber of Commerce](#)

Sponsors of the Potomac Monitoring Forum 2008

The Potomac Monitoring Forum 2008 is being supported by:

[YSI Incorporated](#)

Contact: Chris Heyer, Mid-Atlantic Representative
Tel: (410) 257-0335
Email: cheyer@ysi.com

[Hach Company](#)

Contact: Barry Spiegel, Northeast Divisional Sales Manager
Tel: (800) 227-4224 ext. 2103
Email: BSpiegel@hach.com

[Hach Environmental](#)

Contact: Bill Harrington, Territory Manager
Tel: (512) 528-9775
Email: bharring@hach.com

[Fondriest Environmental Monitoring Products](#)

Contact: Steve Fondriest, President
Tel: (888) 426-2151
Email: steve@fondriest.com

[Teledyne Isco, Inc.](#)

Contact: Jeff Cantwell, Northeast Region Manager
Tel: 610-918-3857
Email: jcantwell@teledyne.com

[Limno-Tech, Inc.](#)

Contact: Mike Sullivan, Vice President
Tel. (202) 833-9140
Email: msullivan@limno.com

[George Mason University Potomac Environmental Research and Education Center](#)

Contact: Dr. R. Christian Jones, Director
Tel: (703) 993-3622
Email: rcjones@gmu.edu

[IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.](#)

Contact: Frank Dailey, Southeast Business Manager
Tel: (800) 321-0807 ext. 66483
Email: frank-dailey@idexx.com

Their partnership in the Forum will allow us to continue to assist local, state and federal officials, regional water and wastewater utilities, and others apply best practices and cutting edge technologies to regional environmental issues.

Directions to the Forum

Cacapon Resort State Park is 9 miles south of Berkley Springs, WVA.

From Washington DC take the Beltway to I- 270 North, Merge onto I-70 West toward Hagerstown, Merge onto US - 522 South to Cacapon Resort State Park. Approximate distance: 105 miles.

From Interstate 81 (Winchester, VA) take U.S. Route 522 north 27 miles to the park.

From the north on Interstate 81 (Pennsylvania) take Interstate 70 west to Hancock, MD then U.S. Route 522 south at Hancock, towards Berkeley Springs. The park is located 9 miles south from the town of Berkeley Springs.

From the west on Interstate 68 to Hancock, MD to 522 South towards Berkeley Springs. The park is located 9 miles south from the town of Berkeley Springs.

[For more information visit the Cacapon State Park website.](#)

Potomac Monitoring Forum 2008 Steering Committee

Steve Bieber, Heidi Bonnaffon & Ted Graham – [Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments](#)
Claire Buchanan - [Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin](#)
Patty Dietz – [Prince William County Department of Public Works](#)
Adil Godrej - [Virginia Tech's Occoquan Water Monitoring Laboratory](#)
Walter Boynton & Eva Bailey - [University of Maryland Chesapeake Biological Laboratory](#)
Cherie Miller & Wendy McPherson - [U.S. Geological Survey](#)
Charlie Poukish – [Maryland Department of the Environment](#)
Matt Hall & Dan Boward – [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#)
Jeff Cornwell – [University of Maryland Horn Point Laboratory](#)
Chris Jones – [George Mason University](#)