

Workshop Proposal Submitted to STAC
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Title: Workshops on Impact of Alternative Growth Development Patterns

Situation: Impact of alternative growth development patterns was identified as a critical issue by the Chesapeake Futures Project. Likewise, the Bay Program's Land, Growth and Stewardship Subcommittee has had growth management as a critical issue. Sustainable development and growth management is on the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's list of top concerns for the New Bay Agreement. The Chesapeake Futures' Task Force on "Land Use and Landscape Changes" used projected population changes and projected development in the Bay Watershed through Year 2025 to prepare three scenarios on: nitrogen and phosphorus loads; forest and agricultural land use changes; change in impervious cover; and level of stream impacts. The most significant finding of these projections is that the nutrient CAP can only be maintained under the most progressive futures scenario.

Proposal: This proposal is to conduct a series of workshops in partnership with the Bay Program's Land, Growth and Stewardship Subcommittee. The purposes of the workshops are: to educate appropriate officials and citizens on the results of the task force report; to receive and evaluate feedback from workshop participants; and to develop implementation plans "on Alternative Growth Development Patterns" in partnership with workshop participants. A workshop steering committee will be appointed. Knowledgeable professionals working in the Bay Watershed area will help conduct the workshops.

Workshop Participants: Workshop participants will include local elected/appointed officials (with emphasis on planning staffs and planning commissioners), members of the development community, Chesapeake Bay program participants, and knowledgeable citizens.

Schedule: A major overall Chesapeake Bay Area Workshop will be conducted in late Spring Year 2000. Other workshops will be organized and conducted in more localized areas where that need is identified in the first workshop and also where requested by local officials.

Funding Request: This request is for \$10,000. The STAC funds will support a workshop organizer/manager. Other funding to support the workshops will come from sources such as the LGSS, Cooperative Extension, workshop registration fees, and other entities.

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