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Government and environmental scientists to discuss wetlands, sea level rise and global warming

BALTIMORE — A partnership of federal, state and local environmental and government organizations will hold a community meeting May 30, 2007, to discuss global warming and the impacts from sea level rise on Chesapeake Bay wetlands in Dorchester County. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. in the Minette Dick Catholic Hall in Cambridge, Md.

Discussion topics will focus on identifying the reasons for sea level rise and global warming, its impact to the environment and what possible answers exist. Members of the partnership will also seek input from community members to help guide actions to address the impact that sea level rise has on Chesapeake Bay wetlands.

Representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, University of Maryland and the Maryland Port Administration will lead several discussions on possible solutions. Such topics include the benefits of using clean dredged material — the process of removing excess sediments from the Chesapeake Bay and using this material to restore wetlands in Dorchester County.

The partnership is also seeking representatives from interested groups to serve on the Dorchester County Citizen's Advisory Group, which will help guide the team managing the county's wetlands.

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