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Helping Your
Community Link Land,
Water & Growth

Are you:

- struggling to preserve some of the rural character your community prizes?
- wrestling with how to control polluted runoff from construction sites and new development?
- stumped by how to encourage well planned growth that keeps your community vibrant?

If any of these - or a host of related issues - apply to you and your community, find out how Chesapeake NEMO helps communities link land, water and growth.

About NEMO

Chesapeake NEMO (Network for Education of Municipal Officials) helps communities foster well-planned growth, preserve water quality and protect natural areas.

Chesapeake NEMO provides communities in the Chesapeake watershed and coastal bays with educational programs emphasizing natural resource-based planning and better site design. We deliver free technical help and leverage funding to assist communities in implementing sound planning and watershed protection.

Chesapeake NEMO draws its name from a program operating in more than 30 states and focusing on educating local

decision makers about the links between land use and natural resources.

Chesapeake NEMO is a partnership network bringing the expertise of educational institutions, non-profit organizations and state and federal agencies to help local governments.

Find Out More

See the reverse of this sheet for more information or contact us about NEMO assistance and programs:

- Visit www.chesapeakenemo.net
- Email nemo@chesapeakebay.net
- Call 410 295 3147

NEMO Education

NEMO provides workshops - tailored to local needs - for helping local governments and their stakeholders foster well-planned growth, preserve water quality and protect natural areas.

NEMO workshops take place in communities and are free of charge. We work with community contacts to ensure the format and audience for a workshop maximizes chances for positive follow up. The ideal audience is a group with broad representation from local government and interested local organizations. Presentations are delivered by knowledgeable staff from agencies and organizations in the NEMO partnership.

NEMO currently offers the following workshops:

Linking Land, Water and Growth

This introductory workshop focuses on the relationship of land use and growth to a community's natural resources and

quality of life, with a special emphasis on clean water. The workshop explores how communities change over time, and how that can affect the streams, water supply and natural areas that support local citizens and community character.



Planning the Direction of Your Community

This workshop – a companion to “Linking Land, Water and Growth” – focuses on

choices all communities face and on the tools and approaches a community can use for setting its direction - and reaching that destination in the future. It emphasizes factoring a community's natural resources into the direction-setting process. The workshop explains the role of comprehensive plans, community visioning, ordinances and other tools for guiding a community's future.



Other Topics

Other NEMO workshops are being developed to address more specific topics. If you don't see a workshop that fits your needs, contact us. We are happy to arrange custom designed sessions.

NEMO Technical Assistance



Need help? Chesapeake NEMO provides technical assistance for helping communities with locally supported initiatives for ensuring well-planned growth,

preserving water quality and/or protecting natural areas. Assistance teams are assembled from organizations in the NEMO network to best match the needs of the requesting local government. NEMO teams provide help in three broad areas:

Creating Your Vision

What is your community's vision of the future? All communities change over time - sometimes ending in a place no-one envisioned. But some communities make conscious choices, planning towards a clear vision of the future. How do they do it? NEMO technical assistance teams can help communities plan a process for developing a vision and goals and facilitate visioning sessions.

Assess Your Resources

What are your community's valuable resources? All communities depend on a network of natural resources that protect water quality, provide for recreation, support fishing and wildlife and maintain community health and character. What's the first step in ensuring these resources are maintained? Determining what's there and what's important to protect. NEMO assistance teams can help communities plan a resource assessment process and access natural resource expertise.

Manage Your Future

How do you build-in ongoing strategies for ensuring well-planned growth, protecting water quality and preserving important natural areas? Communities employ many tools to manage their way towards their vision of the future. NEMO technical assistance teams can help communities: develop a strategic planning process, facilitate natural resource and conservation planning, access expertise on low impact development standards, and develop implementation programs.

Financial Assistance

Need help funding planning, conservation or restoration? NEMO works closely with several partners' funding programs to link technical assistance and educational workshops with funding for locally-supported initiatives.