

**Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee
2006 Legislative Updates Report**

(Suggested Outline)

Programs and Administrative Functions:

- Comptroller's Office
- Maryland Department of the Environment
- Maryland Department of the Agriculture

Fund Management:

- Wastewater treatment plants financial statement – fee collected versus funds encumbered and expended.
- Collection process from onsite system users.
- Update on fee from federal facilities.
- Updated cash flow projection.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades:

- Status of upgrades and discussion on projects currently under construction.
- Revised estimated cost with discussion on the accuracy of the estimates.
- Short-term and long-term impacts of budget cut from the BNR program on the ENR upgrade under BRF.
- BRF does not pay for expansion or non-ENR related items being replaced due to deterioration.
- Issues related to minor facilities currently not targeted for funding.
- Project fact sheets as appendix.

Septic Systems Upgrade Program:

- Program development and committee role.
- Discussion on Best Available Technology (BAT) subcommittee efforts and findings.

Cover Crop Activities (Maryland Department of Agriculture):

- Recent program streamlining activities in preparation to BRF program.
- Status of implementation of BRF for cover crop activities.