

CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS

MARYLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE



West and Rhode Rivers, July 7, 2009

Each year, Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler visits four of the Bay's tributaries, meeting with citizens, environmental leaders and elected officials to learn about the specific problems in each individual watershed, as well as pollution issues common throughout the greater Chesapeake Bay watershed.

In each watershed, the Attorney General spends a full day meeting with local elected officials, environmental leaders, students and citizens. He travels by boat and walks the shores of the waterways to learn about the watersheds, their problems and ongoing restoration efforts, and also to identify unique sources of pollution. River-by-river, the Attorney General's focus is on gathering information from those most intimately familiar with the rivers in order to develop solutions and enhance enforcement of environmental laws that serve to protect the rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. The Attorney General's ultimate goal is to improve the health of the Bay.



Miles River, September 23, 2009

"Communities and local activists know where problems exist, and the residents can offer practical and innovative solutions to improve the health of the Bay and its tributaries," said Attorney General Gansler. "This approach is central to our audits and these environmental visits allow my office to establish meaningful relationships with watershed communities and provide critical information to help us identify and target individuals and corporations that pollute, as well as to determine where legislation is needed."

Each year, Attorney General Gansler will continue to visit four of the Bay's tributaries to conduct similar audits and open lines of communication that will continue long after the day spent at each river as new issues and problems arise. These ongoing relationships will provide eyes and ears to help identify environmental problems and solutions, and what has been learned will inform future audits and enhance their effectiveness.



Susquehanna River, December 9, 2009

Copies of the Attorney General's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Environmental Audits can be found at
www.oag.state.md.us/environment



Patapsco River, April 21, 2010

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