



Learn about 'green' building tips, sustainability at CBMM workshop for Shore non-profits

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ST. MICHAELS Non-profit organizations enhance the quality of life, community and culture on the Eastern Shore. But what are they doing to the environment?

A symposium hosted by the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Wednesday, Nov. 28, examines, "Where Do We Start? Environmental Sustainability for the Non-Profit Campus."

Funded by the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the workshop is free to Eastern Shore non-profit organizations. Participants will discuss what it means to be "green," how to assess their current campuses and operations, and how to plan for and implement green improvements for the short and long term.

Stuart Parnes, president of CBMM, says the museum's mission is to preserve the culture of this region, "but this means more than collecting physical artifacts. If we are going to preserve the very tenuous culture of the Bay's people, we need to help sustain the Bay."

Now, through greening the museum campus and expanding environmental programming, the museum is choosing to emphasize environmental stewardship for the institution, for the community and for the Bay through waterfront restoration, pollution reduction, storm water management, energy efficiency and education, for starters.

Come to learn from professionals in the fields of site sustainability, energy efficiency, planning, building and operations. Share your experiences making your non-profit institution operate in a more environmentally sustainable manner.

Topics for the day-long workshop include: How efficient is your building, and where can you learn how to make improvements? What should you know about your campus landscape, and its pervious and impervious surfaces, to help you control storm water runoff and all its ramifications? What sustainability issues should you think about as you plan operations or expansion over the coming years? Where should you start when you want to improve energy efficiency in your buildings? What buyer-beware questions should you ask about recycling, and what have you found works well in the Mid-Shore area for recycling and waste-reduction?

Featured speakers for the day are: Gene Slear from Environmental Concern, Ruth Newell from New Millennium Development, Ellie Altman of Adkins Arboretum, Mary Tod Winchester from The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Bill Gilmore from CBMM and Sarah Brophy of bMuse. They will discuss practical options for environmentally-sustainable management of your site, your buildings and your operations, but participants are encouraged to bring their own ideas and resources as well.

The "Where Do We Start?" workshop is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 28. The workshops are free, but participants will be able to pre-order lunch for the day for \$12 per person.

The workshop is limited to 40 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. No more than two individuals from a particular organization may attend. The symposium is recommended for non-profit executive directors and board members, facilities managers and property managers, and green champions.

On Nov. 29, there will be an in-depth examination of the CBMM campus and its potential for sustainability improvements. Six participants from the first workshop are welcome to observe the campus exam, first-come, first-served. Those interested should indicate their interest when they register.

The symposium is funded by The Chesapeake Bay Trust. For more information or to register, visit www.cbmm.org or call 410-745-2916.