

To: Town Council Members, staff, and residents

From: MaryCary (Cay) Bradley

Date: June 8, 2025, for the June 12, 2025, Town Council Meeting

Re: Summary of May 22, 2025, meeting with Alliance

As previously shared, the Town was selected to receive technical assistance regarding stormwater from the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay – at no cost to the Town. Our first of three on-site meetings occurred on May 22, 2025. At the end of the technical assistance, the Town will be provided a document summarizing options to address stormwater management on the Town Commons. Additionally, the document will provide details on potential implementation partners and funding supports.

The first meeting was an opportunity to talk with Alliance staff about our concerns. Our visit included walking the Town Commons – and seeing all the flags noting the forthcoming planting of trees. We visited “Gaskins Landing,” with the permission of the family. Finally, we viewed the old Rappahannock Yacht Yard from neighboring properties, with permission of those property owners.

The meeting was attended by: Justin Nelson, Julie Harris, MaryCary (Cay) Bradley, Samantha Van Saun, Steve Kimmeth, Heather Sheehan, and Jeremy Taylor.

The second “ground truthing” site visit will involve the Alliance presenting their thoughts to the group. Following that meeting, the Green Infrastructure Action Plan (GIAP) will be created. The final site visit will involve a presentation by the Alliance on the GIAP followed by connecting the Town to Implementation Partners, as appropriate.

Our Town Administrator, Justin Nelson, will be the point person for the Alliance. Currently, they are digesting the information collected on the site visit. Additionally, we have shared items including current comprehensive plan, work by Bay Design when the Town had been considering building on the North Commons, drone photos of the Commons following one of the recent heavy storms, and the preliminary engineering report for sewer completed by Bowman.

We thank the Steamboat Era Museum for the use of their building for the inside portion of the meeting.