

February 25, 2010

Dear Port Deposit and County Citizens,

Due to the cancellation of our February 16, 2010 Public Session Meeting with the Bainbridge Board of Directors, we would like to provide you this update of our recent activities.

- 1) ***Bainbridge has been accepted into EPA's Targeted Brownfields Programs!*** *What are Brownfields?* Brownfields are real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the *presence or potential presence* of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties protects the environment and takes development pressures off greenspaces and working lands.

The Brownfields Program creates many benefits for local communities, as highlighted below.

- Projects leveraged \$18.68 per EPA dollar expended
- Leveraged 61,023 jobs nationwide
- Can reduce stormwater runoff by 44 to 88 percent on Brownfields sites
- Can increase residential property values 2 to 3 percent when nearby Brownfields are addressed
- Promotes area-wide planning

You will begin to notice EPA and the contractor on site now and expect to see them through June of this year to get an accurate characterization of the property. This site characterization information will assist the BDC and the developer in redeveloping the property to its fullest use.

- 2) **Development Status** – With the environmental characterization of the property underway and the sewer agreement executed with the County, the Bainbridge property should be ready for construction to begin in 2011. The BDC is continuing to renegotiate terms of the Master Development Agreement with the development team, MTPM, and expect that effort to be complete by the end of July 2010.
- 3) ***Bainbridge and Department of the Navy's Five Year Review*** - It doesn't seem like five years have passed since our last review in February 2005 when the Navy transferred operations and maintenance of the landfill to us. Over the last five years we have completed the necessary monitoring and maintenance of the landfill and we are scheduled to meet with the Navy mid-March to provide our reports.
- 4) **Timber Harvest** – The Rising Sun Log Corporation will begin a selective timber harvest on the property the end of February or beginning of March. The selective harvest

is intended to strengthen and keep the forest healthy. The timber harvest will also provide operating funds for the BDC.

- 5) **Preservation** – We recently joined Preservation Maryland Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities, to promote our National Historic Treasure, “*The Tome School*” and through their advocacy, outreach, and funding programs we hope to bring preservation and revitalization back to The Tome School. We would like to thank the many area neighbors and concerned citizens who continue to support efforts to protect this irreplaceable time in Port Deposit’s history and encourage you to continue to report unlawful activity and trespassers at the Bainbridge site.
- 6) **Wildlife Management** – September 15, 2009 and January 30, 2010 through an agreement with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) the BDC made the Bainbridge property available for recreational purposes of wildlife management and deer hunting, bow only. The number of deer harvested is as follows: (4) Antlered deer (77) Female deer and (8) Button Bucks for a total harvest of 89 deer.