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Savage River Watershed Association

Marcellus Shale Follow-up # 6

Maryland Legislative Update:

HB 852 – The Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Act of 2011 passed in the Maryland House of Delegates last week and has crossed over into the Maryland Senate. Now we need to convince the Maryland Senate that this bill is critical for the protection of Maryland's people and natural resources. This needed energy need not come at the price of our clean water and air, if we take the time to do it right. No matter where you live in Maryland, **please call or email your Senator TODAY and ask him or her to vote in favor of HB 852 – The Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Act of 2011**. HB 852 will ensure that gas drilling is done in a manner that protects human health, water quality and the environment.

(Locate your Senator's email at <http://mlis.state.md.us/mgaweb/mail32.aspx>)

Upcoming Events:

WEBINAR - The Economics of Shale Gas Drilling: What are the Real Consequences?

When: Thursday April 7 from 2:30 to 4:00 pm

About the Webinar: A group of researchers centered at Cornell University has studied both the short-term (economic impact) and long-term (economic development) consequences of horizontal shale gas drilling. Their work has focused on: 1) the pace and scale of drilling, 2) the cumulative impact of multiple wells and potential costs to communities and regions, and 3) the challenges of sustainable economic development under the boom-bust cycle typical for natural resource extraction industries. The webinar will report on preliminary findings, address what Marcellus gas drilling means for economic development and offer guidance on how to measure and address the local economic consequences of shale gas development.

Presenter: Susan Christopherson, J. Thomas Clark Professor, Dept. of City and Regional Planning, Cornell University

Sponsors: This webinar is sponsored by the Heinz Endowments, Park Foundation and the Department of City and Regional Planning and Community and Regional Development Institute, Cornell University.

Questions: Heidi Mouillesseaux-Kunzman at hmm1@cornell.edu

This webinar can be viewed with a high-speed internet, but registration is limited; the deadline to register is Tuesday, April 5 on-line at

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=en&formkey=dEdzM2x3M0VheFA5dGkxUDVGZIVEd1E6MA#gid=0>

For those without high-speed internet:

SRWA has made arrangements for a small group to view it at the Grantsville Library; seating is limited so please call Liz McDowell at 301-895-3686 to reserve a seat.

For those in the southern end of the county, the webinar will be shown at the University of MD Extension conference room; contact Mikal Zimmerman, to reserve a space at mzimmer8@umd.edu

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Links to important research papers:

**Marcellus Shale Gas Drilling: What Does it Mean for Economic Development? Preliminary Findings on the Economic Consequences of Natural Gas Extraction in the Marcellus Shale**

December 13, 2010 Update by Dr. Susan Christopherson, Cornell University

<http://www.greenchoices.cornell.edu/development/marcellus/research.cfm>

**Cornell University Working Paper Series:**

**A COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS OF NATURAL GAS EXTRACTION IN THE MARCELLUS SHALE - Dec, 2010**

<http://www.greenchoices.cornell.edu/development/marcellus/policy.cfm>

**Framework for Assessing Water Resource Impacts from Shale Gas Drilling**

Susan Riha, Director of the New York State Water Resources Institute at Cornell University, and Brian G. Rahm, postdoctoral research associate, NYS Water Resources Institute.

**The Economic Impact of Marcellus Shale Gas Drilling What Have We Learned? What are the Limitations?**

David Kay, staff economist and Senior Extension Associate with the Community and Regional Development Institute in the Department of Development Sociology at Cornell.

**Hammer Down: A Guide to Protecting Local Roads Impacted by Shale Gas Drilling**

CJ Randall, graduate student in the Master's in Regional Planning Program in The Department of City and Regional Planning at Cornell University

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SRWA is a group of local landowners and other citizens dedicated to preserving and enhancing the rural nature and natural resources of the Savage River watershed by assisting interested landowners and public land managers with environmental stewardship efforts and educational outreach.

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