

Below is a list of the issues raised by the attendees during the discussion period in the March 9, 2006 Coastal Plain Aquifers workshop.

1. To be able to understand current conditions and future changes, additional data is needed on both ground water levels and stream flows, in Maryland and in Virginia.
2. Alternative sources of water supply need to be explored:
 - Surface water
 - Desalination
 - Conservation
 - Reuse
 - Wells in the unconfined aquifer
3. The entire socio-economic impact must be included in any evaluation of the impact of development.
4. Public education is needed, regionally and locally, and at the community and regionally, about ground water. Specific issues:
 - Show the decline of water levels in all aquifers
 - Tie water level declines to economic impacts
5. Provide information to counties on ground water to include in comprehensive plans.
6. Political support is needed for funding of continued data collection and model development, tied closely to public education.
7. Ground Water Management Area designation is needed for the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula area of Virginia to permit better monitoring and management of the resources.
8. Identify resources for data gathering, including local sources.
9. Improvements are needed in the collection and availability of well completion data and the enforcement of reporting requirements in VA.
10. Counties need tools to assist them in making land use decisions.
11. Public support is needed for the Maryland Coastal Plain Study.