



"High Tide in Dorchester", by David Harp, Wednesday, June 6, 2018

The film focuses tightly on sea level rise and Dorchester, Maryland's largest and lowest-lying county; a place where the future, still awaiting other Chesapeake coastal areas, is playing out right now. David Harp, Tom Horton and Sandy Cannon-Brown created this film. Here is a little about their backgrounds.

David Harp has published five books of photography on the Bay with essays by Tom Horton. His stunning photography has graced the pages of the New York Times Magazine, Smithsonian, Audubon, Sierra, Natural History, Islands, Travel Holiday, and Coastal Living Magazine. He is currently the photographer for the Bay Journal. He was awarded the Andrew White Medal by Loyola College of Maryland in 2004 and is past president of the American Society of Media Photographers.

Tom Horton covered the environment for The Baltimore Sun for 35 years. He has written eight books about the Chesapeake Bay. He currently is a Professor of Practice in Environmental Studies at Salisbury University and a contributing writer and columnist for the Bay Journal.

Sandy Cannon-Brown, founder and president of VideoTakes, Inc., is an award-winning environmental filmmaker whose work has taken her to Central and South America, West Africa, the Northern Great Plains, and the Everglades. She was an associate director for the Center for Environmental Filmmaking at American University, honored as CEF's first senior scholar in 2013 and named AU's adjunct professor of the year in 2011. Among her other honors, Women In Film & Video DC honored Cannon-Brown as a Woman of Vision. She served as WIFV's president 2011-12.

The film, "High Tide in Dorchester", aims to foster a conversation about climate change and related impacts of sea level rise and erosion, and leverage that conversation into action. The focus, Dorchester County, MD, is already experiencing the future that increasingly faces coastal areas worldwide. Dorchester is the "coal miner's canary" -- ground zero for the Chesapeake Region.

Few communities are doing adequate planning to meet the imminent challenges of restraint, retreat and adaptation to living on the edges of a rising tide.

The South Dorchester Folk Museum (SDFM), in cooperation with the Dorchester County Historical Society, presents this FREE program in its lecture series about local history. Video DVDs of the lectures are available for purchase from our website: www.sdfmuseum.net or call 410-228-6175.