

Dr. Clinch to detail Waterfowl Festival's economic impact at Chamber Lunch

EASTON—The economic impact of the Waterfowl Festival is to be the topic of the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 16, at the Crystal Room of the Historic Tidewater Inn.

Feature speaker is Dr. Richard Clinch, who is to discuss the results of the economic impact study he conducted of the 2007 Waterfowl Festival.



DR. RICHARD CLINCH

Richard Clinch, Ph.D., is the director of economic research at the University of Baltimore's Jacob France Institute. An expert in the areas of economic and fiscal analysis, economic and community development policy research, economic impact analysis, and technology policy, he has written more than 100 studies on the economic, fiscal or workforce impacts of policy decisions.

Clinch is a recognized expert on economic impact modeling, community impact analysis, and occupational modeling. Studies he has written have ranged in size from the impact of a small housing development to the national economic impacts of the Medicaid program.

In 2006, Clinch was asked to present an overview of economic modeling issues and projects by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis at a national conference. He has also provided expert witness testimony in hearings on economic impact measurement.

In the area of tourism impact analysis, Clinch has analyzed the impact of tourism for Cecil County, hotel developments across the county, greenway developments, and the Waterfowl Festival in Easton. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, College Park, and wrote his dissertation on the community development impacts of the federal Empowerment Zone program on Baltimore City. He also is a graduate of the Sanford

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Prior to working at the University of Baltimore, Clinch was a researcher for the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress where he analyzed national science and technology issues. While at the Joint Economic Committee, he organized a hearing and GAO study on the infrastructure conditions at the nation's federal laboratories.

Clinch also held a post with the North Carolina Board of Science and Technology, where he analyzed high

technology development in that state and helped found a small consulting firm in Cleveland.

Thursday's luncheon begins at noon. Tickets are \$15 for Chamber members; and \$20 for guests.

The October chamber luncheon is sponsored by Lighten Your Load Solutions, Lou Ann Hill, owner, 301-466-1544, www.lightenyourload.com or louann@lightenyourloadsolutions.com

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