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Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland
Announces Dan Nees as New Director

COLLEGE PARK, Md.— The Environmental Finance Center (EFC) at the University of Maryland announced today the appointment of Dan Nees, former EFC Senior Research Associate, as its new center director. In this position, Nees will lead the efforts of the EFC to provide technical assistance directly to communities on financing issues related to environmental protection activities.

"Dan Nees has been an integral part of shaping the reputation of the EFC as a leader in sustainable and environmental development," said David Cronrath, Dean of the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, which houses the EFC. "I am confident that Dan, as director, will continue to lead the EFC's efforts, providing communities with innovative tools and solutions for a more sustainable quality of life."

Prior to his appointment, Nees was the Senior Research Associate for the EFC, a position he has held since 2011. Dan first joined the EFC as a graduate intern in 1998 and eventually assumed the role of director from 2004-2007, making him well qualified to resume the position. He has worked to extend the EFC’s efforts in the realm of public-private partnerships (P3s) and helping communities across the region efficiently and effectively restore and protect natural resources. Recently, he played a significant role in the EFC’s award of a major six-year grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that will expand the EFC’s vision and reach.

Nees brings significant experience in both the administrative and technical aspects of leading the center, as well as over 20 years of financial and environmental expertise. He has held positions of leadership at Forest Trends and Water Resources Institute, non-profits which gave him a global perspective on environmental finance. Dan holds a B.A. in Economics, a Master of Environmental Policy and a Master of Business Administration - all from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Dan replaces former director Joanne Throwe, who was recently named Deputy Secretary at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Prior to this appointment by Governor Larry Hogan, Joanne had been with the EFC since 2005.
“I’m honored to once again have the opportunity to help lead this wonderful organization,” said Mr. Nees. “As a result of Joanne’s leadership and vision, the EFC has become an essential resource for communities across the Mid-Atlantic region. I look forward to building on that success and maintaining the EFC’s reputation as an effective and innovative community-based resource at the University of Maryland.”

The Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland works to equip communities with the knowledge, resources and leadership needed to empower decision-making that advances resource management priorities in an innovative and efficient way. Through direct technical assistance, capacity building and program and policy analysis, it strives to move communities towards a more sustainable and resilient future.

For more information about the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland, please visit www.efc.umd.edu.

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