**Habitat GIT Meeting**

**Winter 2014 (Feb. 26 or 27) at North Point State Park**

**Theme: Finding synergies among efforts of partners engaged in habitat work around the watershed.**

9:30 am Welcome, Introductions, and Vision for Cross-GIT Collaboration (Mike Slattery, Chair)

***Show PSA for some inspiration over morning coffee?***

10 am BMP Expert Panel Reports: What they mean for restoration, composition of panels, and our GIT’s role in recent panels and opportunities to influence upcoming panels

* Lewis Linker – EPA presenting ‘ramifications’ in terms of crediting in model
* Jana Davis – CBT facilitating discussion, with Lee, Bill, Sadie, and Neely involved
* Stephen Abel – Oyster Recovery Partnership (Scope of Work for GIT approval)

11 am Implementing the Multi-State Wetland Initiative ( Mark Bryer - TNC)

*Questions for GIT members:*

* *Which tribs/sub-watersheds do you think should be focused on and why?*
* *What role can your organization/our GIT play in implementing this grant?*
* *What other key players should be engaged and how can GIT engage them?*

**11:45 Break to get lunches**

**12 pm "Bringing BMP's to Life"** through aggressive efforts to quantify credits for wetland enhancement, oyster habitat restoration, stream restoration, and floodplain connectivity in TMDL model contexts (Debra Hopkins, FWS)

12:30 Brook Trout Habitat Decision Support (Genevieve LaRouche– FWS)

1:30 Integrating efforts across GITs in the Upper Susquehanna (Kristin Saunders - MDNR)

2:30 Break

2:45 Questions from GIT Members on any of the following (also apply to 12:30 and 1:30 items)? (written updates provided 2 weeks in advance of meeting)

* Stream/wetland permitting improvements (Jana Davis, CBT)
* Forestry Updates (Sally Claggett, Julie Mawhorter – U.S. Forest Service)
* Forage Fish Outcome(Bruce Vogt, Tom Ihde - NOAA)
* Black Duck Modeling and Decision Support (Alicia Berlin - USGS, Pat Devers - FWS)
* Stream Health Workgroup and STAC workshop (Rich Starr, Bill Stack)

3 pm Next Steps, Team Operations, Closing thoughts from Chair and Vice-Chair

3:30pm Adjourn