

## **Governance Protocols for the Wastewater Treatment Workgroup**

### ***Recommended Governance***

The Wastewater Treatment Workgroup (WWTWG) will follow the consensus decision-making approach defined by the [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team Governance Protocols](#).

### ***Membership Definition***

The Wastewater Treatment Workgroup (WWTWG) strives to maintain a membership that is representative of the signatories to the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement and those that take leadership roles in the Chesapeake Bay Program structure, while empowering Advisory Committees and non-signatories. The WWTWG membership will be based on the following construct to the maximum extent possible:

- Members from each signatory (one each with an alternate identified) (9)
- At-large Members (up to 6 with option to identify an alternate)

**Signatory Members** (one each, with an alternate identified):

- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- West Virginia
- Virginia
- US EPA
- Chesapeake Bay Commission

**At-large Members** (up to 6, with an option to identify an alternate): May consist of non-governmental organizations, private sector experts, federal agencies, academic institutions, local implementers and other organizations that have a role in wastewater treatment and water quality improvement. Nominations will be accepted from all WWTWG members, advisors and interested parties, and the selection of at-large members will be determined by the WWTWG signatory members, with consideration to their level of commitment, skills and perspectives (e.g., geographic diversity and expertise).

**Interested Parties:** Individuals that participate in WWTWG meetings, but who do not have a decision-making role. Advisory committee members are considered interested parties unless elected as an at-large member by the WWTWG signatory members. Although consensus will not be sought from interested parties, all are welcome on the WWTWG Workgroup and are encouraged to actively participate in the discussions.

### ***Appointment of Workgroup Chair and Co-Chair***

All WQGIT Workgroups collectively discuss the renewal or change of their Chairmanship or Co-Chairmanship every two years. The renewal of a Chair or Co-Chair will have concurrence from both the Workgroup and the WQGIT. In the event that the Chair or Co-Chair is not interested in continuing that role after two years, the Workgroup will nominate a new Chair or Co-Chair and gain concurrence from the Workgroup and WQGIT.

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