



Greg Sandi – Maryland Department of the Environment

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Greg has been in the environmental field for over 20 years in both the private sector and in State government. His career began in petroleum remediation from groundwater and soils impacted by spills and leaks from underground storage tanks, pipelines, and above ground storage tanks. This work included installing and monitoring groundwater wells, installing passive and active remediation mechanisms, and using tools to determine the flow of groundwater through various geologies. Through this experience he was taught about the complex nature of hydrology, pollution remediation, and predictive modeling for tracking contamination through soils and groundwater.

Fifteen years ago, Greg joined the Maryland Department of the Environment working as a Natural Resource Planner for the Water and Science Administration. He started out helping with nonpoint source watershed planning efforts within Maryland, which progressed to work with the EPA Office of Research and Development that led to the development of the Recovery Potential Screening Tool. In 2011, he began collecting and reporting BMP data to the Chesapeake Bay Program and analyzing the results of annual progress runs. He was involved in the development of all 3 phases of Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plans and now manages the section responsible for MDE's team working on Chesapeake Bay Restoration.

Greg also manages Maryland's Nonpoint Source Program, Water Quality Trading, and Winter Salt Reduction efforts giving him broader exposure to work and perspectives from programs attempting to improve water quality within Maryland, regionally, and nationwide. Through all these programs, he has done extensive outreach and work with local government officials, elected officials, non-governmental organizations, universities, and other state agencies. He's proven himself to be a dedicated environmental professional that understands the difficulties faced in meeting restoration goals and how to help navigate those paths through empathy and practicality.

Greg served many years as Maryland's voting member for the Watershed Technical Workgroup and is Maryland's current voting member for the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team. He has been the vice chair of the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team for nearly 1 year and is dedicated to helping lead the GIT through a positive transition to its new iteration as the Clean Water Goal Implementation Team.

Greg is a Western Maryland (Frederick County) native with experience living in other states like Florida and California as well as some time spent living in Costa Rica. He currently resides in Anne Arundel County, where he's been for the past 20 years. He graduated from University of Maryland Global Campus with a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Management and the Johns Hopkins University with a Master's degree in Environmental Science and Policy. He was also a graduate of LEAD MD (Class XII), a two-year program designed to help individuals grow as a leader, expand their networks, and make a lasting impact in agriculture, natural resources, and rural communities.