

## Non-Urban Stream Restoration EPEG: Call for Nominations

Per decision on the June 2020 AgWG Conference Call, we are seeking nominations for an Expert Panel Establishment Group (EPEG) to consider concerns raised within the CBP partnership regarding tracking, reporting and crediting of non-urban stream restoration practices. The EPEG will develop a report for the AgWG that will provide specific recommendations to address these concerns. Should the EPEG recommend the formation of a BMP Expert Panel (EP), it will provide a scope of work and charge for the panel and suggest appropriate expertise for selecting the nomination of EP members. The EPEG is a temporary ad hoc group which will be closed once a final recommendations report is presented to the AgWG. A general charge for the EPEG is below:

1. *Clarify the definitions of “urban” vs. “non-urban” in relation to stream restoration projects (in consultation with the CBP Urban Stormwater Workgroup).*
2. *Assess available scientific literature and field data to address default nutrient & sediment removal rates and provide recommendations for appropriate next steps following that assessment.*
3. *Identify and characterize the stream-related NRCS projects implemented in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and determine if/how they relate to the approved CBP stream restoration qualifying conditions. Recommend appropriate next steps based on determination.*

*Should the EPEG identify other non-urban stream-related practices that do not fit within any of the current CBP BMP definitions, are employed in the CBW, and are likely to reduce nutrient and sediment load deliveries, they are encouraged to communicate these findings to the AgWG for further consideration.*

**Potential participants in the Non-Urban Stream Restoration EPEG are those individuals with an expertise in stream restoration project design & permitting, implementation, and/or tracking & reporting related to non-urban (less than 5% impervious land cover) settings within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.** Those nominated can represent members of the Agriculture Workgroup and CBP partnership, academic institutions, federal (USDA-NRCS representation recommended), state or county agencies, and non-governmental organizations: all *without* a potential conflict of interest. The AgWG coordinator will directly contact nominees in July 2020 to describe responsibilities and determine willingness to serve. It is strongly recommended that the EPEG be limited to a maximum of 10 members.

### Timeline:

- June 2020- AgWG approved formation of EPEG, call for nominations (two-week window)
- **July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**- Deadline to submit EPEG nominations (please include contact info) to Loretta Collins @ [lcollins@chesapeakebay.net](mailto:lcollins@chesapeakebay.net)
- July 16, 2020- AgWG review and approval of EPEG membership
- August/September 2020 (tentative)- First meeting of EPEG: Appoint Chair, discuss charge and timeline
- March/April 2021 (tentative)- Report recommendation to AgWG

*A list of nominated individuals will be periodically updated on the [July 2020 AgWG](#) meeting page.*

List of Nominations (Updated 7/9)

Name	Nominated by	Accepted Nomination
Rich Starr, Ecosystem Planning & Restoration	Self	Yes
Scott Cox, DEP Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands	Frank Schneider (PA State Conservation Commission)	Yes
Jon Fripp, NRCS	Barry Frantz & Denise Coleman (NRCS)	Yes
Bill Tharpe, MDA	Jason Keppler (MDA)	Yes
Ari Engelberg, MD DNR	Sarah Lane (MD DNR)	Yes