



Forestry Workgroup Membership - *Review of Voting & At-Large Members*



April 2026 FWG Meeting



Membership Breakdown**

1. Signatory Members

- a. The WQGIT Workgroups strive to maintain a membership that is representative of the signatories to the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.
- b. Each signatory gets one primary member and one alternative.

2. At-Large Members

- a. To empower non-signatory partners in the decision-making process, priority for at-large membership will be reserved for nongovernmental organizations, quasi-governmental organizations, Federal Agencies, academic institutions, and other local practitioners.
- b. Each workgroup can have up to 6 at-large members.

**Language from the WQGIT Governance Protocols. Membership requirements may change pending governance/structure updates from the Program/Healthy Landscapes GIT guidance

1. Interested Parties

- b. While not official workgroup members, they are key stakeholders in these issues, often participating in meetings and offering valuable perspectives and expertise.
- c. Open to the public, no limitations for the number of interested parties.

Signatory Members

Jurisdiction	Name and Affiliation
Delaware	Taryn Davidson, DDA
	Catie Soriano, DNREC
Maryland	Anne Hairston-Strang, MDNR
	Alanna Crowley, MDNR
Pennsylvania	Matthew Keefer, PA DCNR
	Teddi Stark, PA DCNR
New York	Cassie Davis, NY DEC
	Lauren Townley, NY DEC

Signatory Members cont.

Jurisdiction	Name and Affiliation
Virginia	Patty Nylander, VDOF
	Robbie Talbert, VDOF
West Virginia	Jeremy McGill, WV DOF
	<i>Vacant</i>
Washington, DC	Robert Corletta, DDOT
	Brendan Durkin, DC DOEE
Federal government	Julie Mawhorter, USFS
Chesapeake Bay Commission	<i>Vacant</i>

At Large Members - Group A

(Terms expiring this year; positions up for re-election or new nominations)

Name	Affiliation
Lydia Brinkley	Upper Susquehanna Coalition
Craig Highfield	Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
Alexis Dickerson	Potomac Conservancy

At-Large Members - Group B

(Terms expiring in 2027)

Name	Affiliation
Frank Rodgers	Cacapon Institute
Rob Schnabel	Chesapeake Bay Foundation

At-Large Member Nomination Process**

Step 1 - Call for nominations

- All members, advisors, and interested parties can participate in nominations.
- **Request: Postpone call for nominations until July once CBP Governance and Management Framework has been finalized**

Step 2 - Nominees will submit a short email to Staffer and Coordinator, stating their reasons for wanting the post and qualifications.

Step 3- Nominees introduce themselves and will be given one minute to speak to the group.

Step 4- Forestry Workgroup Signatory Members prioritize the nominees (up to 6 At-Large members are allowed- 4 spaces will be available).

**Process taken from WQGIT Governance Protocols, subject to change.