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**Habitat Goal Implementation Team Fall Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 8**

Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s [Brock Environmental Center](http://www.cbf.org/about-cbf/locations/virginia/facilities/brock-environmental-center/welcome-to-one-of-the-worlds.html)

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**Conference Line:** (515) 604-9300

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(Note: Enter as Guest with your name and affiliation)

**Theme:** Ramping up progress through coordinated use of science tools, leveraging of funds in priority places, and communication with local decision-makers.

**Meeting Objectives:**

1. Clarify Workgroup priorities and challenges through logic framework-based work planning.

2. Facilitate inclusion of habitat-based BMPs in State and local efforts to reduce nutrient and sediment loads.

**10:00 am Welcome & Introductions** – Christine Conn (MD DNR) and David Whitehurst (VA DGIF), HGIT Co-Chairs

**10:15 am Making Progress and Adapting our Work – Workgroup Chairs** (10 minutes each)

Brook Trout, Stream Health, Fish Passage, Fish Habitat, and SAV workgroups will report on 2016-17 progress and outline anticipated changes to workplans for 2018-19

FH (continued)

* Focus of new WP:
  + Comm products – evaluate factors influencing FH, mitigation factors
  + Stressors from shorelines and impervious surfaces
    - Aiming to diiscuss stressors on regional scale
* Gaps:
  + Agency coordinator
  + Public engagement
  + \*\*helping to understand shoreline stabilization
* Actions:
  + New partners to connect with important audiences
  + Partnering with other outcomes and groups targeting local messages

SAV – Paige

-53% of goal – meeting 2017 target

-Updated Actions:

* + Rewording action items, removed a few
  + Added
    - finance strategy
    - SAV monitoring protocol
    - SAV monitoring certification program – from GIT funding
  + Review SAV regulations
* Gaps
  + Funding strategy will take a lot of man power – working w/ BF WG
  + Lack of funding – identify outside sources of funding
  + Water quality – strengthen and encourage BMP for continued meeting of TMDL requirements

**11:15 am Ensuring Participation –** Greg Barranco (EPA, Government Affairs, Partnership Team Lead)

Greg will lead a discussion on organizational challenges being experienced partnership-wide and what steps we can take to overcome them

Greg Barranco –

* Highlighting CBP and shifts in management towards cross outcome coordination and adaptive management
* Multiple ideas for streamlining
  + Getting rid of some outcomes
  + Trimming workgroups
    - Participants are very specific in their home roles – concerned that streamlining will make people less interested b/c less specific (i.e. losing expertise from members)
    - Consolidation – potentially fostering more relationships w/ broader agendas
    - Some people on the lower level want to be on many groups – makes for a small number of people on a large number of groups
    - HR solutions – get jurisdictions to agree to adding workgroup participation included on job descriptions
    - Chair need a route to talk to high level jurisdiction level reps / management
      * MB or PSC
    - Consolidate vs. increased communications
      * Within GIT “cross pollination”
      * Good functioning groups should be helping the struggling groups
      * Reach out individually to make sure members know their input matters
    - Member agencies for HGIT haven’t often been working at this scale or working with CBP
      * Fit habitat goals of agencies into CBP – better inform priorities
      * Connect to separately ongoing ventures
      * Leverage workgroups with regional goals
        + Midatlantic JV, midatlantic wetland, midatalntic stream
      * Focus meetings with natural groups subdivision\*\*
      * Align meetings to streamline attendance

**12:00 pm Lunch**

**1:00 pm What’s a WIP? –** Lucinda Power (EPA, Water Quality GIT Coordinator)

**1:20 pm** **Local Government Perspective** – Andria McClellan (Norfolk City Council)

Andria will discuss Norfolk, VA BMP implementation and how they incorporate habitat into those efforts

**1:30 pm Encouraging “Co-Benefit” BMPs –** Gina Hunt (MD DNR, Fish Habitat Action Team Chair)

Gina will provide examples of how CBP is working actively to develop communication tools and messaging to facilitate inclusion of habitat-based BMPs in Phase III WIPs

**1:45 pm** **Hearing from our Partners: Funders and Facilitators of Habitat Work in the Watershed** (20 mins each)

* **NFWF Business Plan Update** – Jake Reilly (National Fish & Wildlife Foundation)
* **USACE Comprehensive Plan Update –** Alicia Logalbo (USACE, Norfolk District)

**Developed jointly w noforlk and Baltimore districts.**

**Assist w implementation of 2014 agreement – ID actions that can be done to helpa chiece the goals.**

**Outcomes: aiming to have series of recs. Of hab rest. Enhancements. Recommendations for states. Also have subwatershed analyses – working w sates to id initial subwatershed with which to begin restoration (just initial, first pilot)**

**Began with Targeted geospatial analyses – connectivity areas, conserve. Of lands across outcomes and goals.**

**WHERE HAVE WETLANDS BEEN LOST, ID POTENTIAL HISTORIC AREAS OF LOSS. NON TIDAL WETLANDS W USGS HYDRIC DATA. LOOK AT HI RES LAND COVER DATA TOO TO ID WHERE THEY CURRENTLY EXIST. DONE BY HUC 10.**

**Jennifer wants to know how state wildlife plans coincide spatially with tier three analyses.**

* **USGS Science Plan Update –** Ken Hyer (USGS)

**2:45 pm Break**

**3:00 pm** **Virginia Examples –** Matt Meyers (Fairfax Co., VA), Becky Gwynn (VA DGIF)

Partners in Virginia will share examples of habitat restoration/conservation work that might benefit from and/or inform landscape-scale science tools

Southern tip partnership- Delmarva

Ciritcal habitat area for a NUMBER of birds. Millions. 5-6 neotropical landbirds, 10-12 temperate landbirds during fall migration

Peninsula wide neotropical mig. Songbird coastal corridor study in the 1990s- recognized by MANY agencies as important area

Foxues on acquisition and restoration of migratory bird and intact coastal habs. Cooperation in management of lands in a manner consisten with common interest to conserve and protext migratory bird habitat

Formal partners- 10 year old partnership – usfws, va dcr, va dgif, va deq-czmp, tnc, du, va eastern shore land trust.

Priorities- 10km zone from tip of peninsula in 1.5km wide strip bordering bayside and seaside coastlines. Forest habitat restoration. Plantings for food and shelter (fruit shrubs, midstory trees, deciduous hardwoods).

**3:30 pm** **Nature’s Network Preview** – Jennifer Greiner (USFWS) and Paige Hobaugh (HGIT Staffer)

Jennifer and Paige will provide an overview of tomorrow’s training workshop objectives

**3:45 pm Action Item Review and ideas for Spring Meeting –** Jennifer Greiner (USFWS, HGIT Coordinator) and Margot Cumming (HGIT Staffer)

**4:15pm Adjourn**