



AGENDA
Maintain Healthy Watersheds GIT Meeting
April 22, 2013

Location: Fish and Wildlife Service Office in Annapolis

Call-in#: 866-299-3188, code: 410-267-5731

Webinar Link: <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/git4/>

- 10:00 Welcome, Introductions and Updates** **Mark Bryer**
Updates
- Water Quality GIT response to STAC's March 2012 workshop report on upgrading the CBP watershed model to better represent natural landscape features
[STAC response to healthy watersheds](#)
 - CBC evaluation of options for "crediting conservation" in the Bay TMDL **Jack Frye**
 - State healthy waters/ healthy watersheds identification maps to be posted on www.Chesapeakebay.net
- 10:30 NY Case Study: East Branch of the Owego Creek** **Kris West**
This is a case study of land conservation and local action to protect a state-identified healthy watershed and Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture priority trout stream in New York.
- 11:00 Overview of Communications work plan** **Donnelle Keech**
Donnelle will give an update on submitted Watershed Forum proposals and the group will brainstorm locations and topics for regional Watershed Forum Plus workshops.
- 11:30 Susquehanna River Basin Ecological Flow Management Study** **John Balay**
This is an update on the SRBC report about minimal seasonal flows:
<http://www.srbc.net/planning/assets/documents/Susquehanna%20River%20Basin%20Ecological%20Flow%20Management%20Phase%20I.pdf>
- 12:00 Lunch**
- 12:45 Exploring the Environmental Effects of Shale Gas Development in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Report** **Kurt Gottschalk**
Kurt will give an update on the STAC workshop report about the environmental effects of shale gas development.
- 1:15 State Vulnerability Assessment Capabilities and Metrics** **Mike Fritz**
- Presentation of current CBP and state assessments
 - Group discussion of ways to support, enhance, and use state assessment capabilities
 - Option to propose a pilot healthy watersheds vulnerability assessment
- 2:55 Summary of Next Steps** **Mark Bryer**
- 3:00 Adjourn**

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