

2022 WETLANDS WORKSHOP
KEY QUESTIONS TO ACHIEVE OUR PURPOSE & OUTCOMES

Purpose: Bring together key people **to identify actions to overcome the barriers** of implementing nontidal and tidal wetland restoration and accelerate progress towards the Wetlands Outcome identified in the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.

Outcomes:

- 1) **Understanding of the barriers** that limit the rate of nontidal and tidal wetland restoration that is necessary to achieve the 2025 Wetlands Outcome.
- 2) **Identification of innovative approaches**, including changes to existing programs and proposing new programs, to increase the implementation of nontidal and tidal wetland restoration.
- 3) Within three months following the workshop, work with partners and workshop participants to **develop an action plan** that outlines steps and a timeline for dedicating resources to implementing these approaches.

Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3
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TIDAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the technical constraints (knowledge and expertise) that prevent the attainment of this outcome?</i> • <i>What constraints or “strings” will be attached to the federal infrastructure funds?</i> 	TIDAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What can we learn from case studies and projects in other watershed regions that have been successful in creating and restoring tidal wetlands?</i> • <i>What are the big ideas that can put us on schedule to meet our Outcome?</i> 	

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