



Public Access Workgroup Call for Chair

The Public Access Workgroup will be looking to fill the vacant Chair position, starting September 2025. The Chair of the workgroup will be assisted/supported by a Coordinator and Staffer, both housed at the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) Office.

The Public Access Workgroup provides a source of outdoor recreation and public access expertise at the Chesapeake Bay Program. The Workgroup coordinates and supports partnership efforts to acquire and maintain access sites across the watershed.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The Chair will set the direction and vision for the Public Access Workgroup, with particular focus towards achieving the Public Access Outcome and sub-targets focused on ADA/ABA (American Disabilities Act/Architectural Barriers Act) accessibility, site maintenance and upgrades, and access to greenspace in addition to water.
- The Chair will help guide the workgroup beyond 2025 as we determine how to address emerging issues surrounding land use, recreation, and geographic distribution of sites across the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.
- The Chair will take a lead role in the guidance and facilitation of Workgroup meetings and activities, with support from the coordinator and staffer.

TIME COMMITMENT:

The expected workload is about 1-2 hours a week on average, with opportunities for additional engagement depending on the interests and availability of the Chair. The work includes preparation for monthly workgroup meetings, supporting preparation of Strategic Review System materials, supporting development of project ideas for the competitive annual GIT Funding cycle, engagement with Bay Program partners as necessary, and development of communication messages.

CHAIR QUALIFICATIONS:

We are seeking co-chairs with the following qualifications:

- Knowledge of land use and outdoor recreation issues in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, including acquisition, maintenance, and stewardship practices.

- Previous engagement with the Chesapeake Bay Program and/or the Public Access Workgroup.
- Experience facilitating collaborative meetings and projects
- Experience developing and implementing strategic plans
- Existing relationships with watershed public access partners, including state agencies, nonprofits, and/or universities

We are hoping to get a diverse set of candidates and skillsets, so encourage interested individuals to apply even if they don't fulfill all of these desired qualifications. If you are interested in filling this position or if you'd like more information, please contact:

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Link to nominate yourself or someone else on the workgroup:

<https://forms.gle/Riw8efTvpdphEi5Q6>