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Descriptions of Newly Nominated Criteria Assessment Protocol Workgroup Co-Chairs for  
Final Approval at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> STAR Meeting.

**Tish Robertson:** Tish Robertson has been a member of the CAP workgroup since 2007, when she was hired by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality as a data analyst. Since that time, she has worked with the CAP workgroup on a variety of topics, from testing the "umbrella" hypothesis for Bay dissolved oxygen criteria to developing a procedure for assessing short-duration DO criteria via continuous monitoring datasets. Following her three-year term as a data analyst, Tish served as DEQ's water quality assessment coordinator for several years before moving into her current role as DEQ's water quality standards scientist. Tish brings to the table a solid skillset in data science and expertise in criteria implementation and development. She is honored to be considered for the role as workgroup co-chair.

**Matt Stover:** Matt Stover was hired by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) in 2005. Earlier in his career at MDE he led the development of Maryland's 303(d)/305(b) Integrated Report before becoming supervisor of the Water Quality Standards and Analysis Division in 2015. This Division not only develops the Integrated Report of Surface Water Quality but is also responsible for: developing and adopting Maryland's water quality standards; implementing antidegradation policy and procedures for Tier II high quality waters; administering MDE's enterprise database for ambient water quality; maintaining and conducting QA/QC for point source pollutant load data for the Chesapeake Bay; and serving as internal analyst consultants on a variety of water quality investigations including but not limited to environmental compliance cases, drinking water studies, and permitting activities (e.g., NPDES, MS4, Wetlands and Waterways Construction). Matt has served as an expert witness for the Department and currently chairs the Board of Directors for the Maryland Water Monitoring Council. He has participated on the Criteria Assessment Protocols (CAP) workgroup continually since he was hired in 2005 and in various other workgroups associated with the Chesapeake Bay Program over his 20 years with MDE. He brings a solid background in water quality science along with a broad knowledge base on regulatory issues and needs. Matt is excited for the possibility of becoming a co-chair for the CAP workgroup and helping this workgroup achieve its goals into the future!