

Chesapeake Bay Program
Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT)

Meeting Agenda

Monday, December 12, 2022

1:00 – 3:05 PM

[Meeting Materials](#)

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1:00 Welcome, Announcements and Updates (30 min.)

A formal roll call will not be taken for members on today's call. Participants are asked to enter their name and affiliation in the WebEx chat. Anyone participating by phone is requested to verbally identify themselves.

Announcements and New Business:

- STAC Workshop: [Using Local Monitoring Results to Inform the Chesapeake Bay Program's Watershed Model](#), March 7-8, 2023 – Karl Berger, MWCOG
 - Contact(s): Meg Cole (colem@chesapeake.org), Karl Berger (kberger@mwco.org).
- “Community Tree Cover” (CTC) Indicator Methods Update – Katie Brownson, USFS
- 2022 Progress – Olivia Devereux, Devereux Environmental Consulting
- **Next Meeting:** Monday, January 23rd, 1:00 – 4:00 PM.

Prior Business/Outstanding Action Items:

- Verbal Updates:
 - WQGIT Coordinator updates – Jeremy Hanson, CRC
 - Remembering Nick DiPasquale
 - Something Positive – favorite natural escape in the watershed you're thankful for
 - Very brief update on CAST-21 and Management Board
 - Update on BMP Protocol revisions: no objections received by Nov. 30 deadline.
 - **Decision:** The WQGIT approved the revisions to the “[Protocols for the Development, Review, and Approval of Loading and Effectiveness Estimates for Nutrient and Sediment Controls in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model](#)” (also known as BMP Expert Panel Protocols) on December 1, 2022.
 - Call for WQGIT at- large nominations until Friday, Jan 6th: WQGIT at- large members
 - Please submit all nominations via email to Jackie Pickford (pickford.jacqueline@epa.gov) with name of nominee, email, and brief bio/resume/CV.

- Second Edition of the [Quick Reference Guide for BMPs](#) now live
- Workgroup updates (2 minutes or less)
 - AgWG approved cover crop survey [methodology](#)

Reminders and Written Updates/Announcements:

- See latest Log of WQGIT [Actions & Decisions](#)
- [WQGIT December Quarterly Newsletter](#) release
- Milestone Progress Updates due January 17, 2023
- Clean Water Cohort SRS Materials ([Management Strategy](#) and [Logic and Action Plan](#)):
Signatory and Public Review Period until January 2nd, 2023
 - To view documents for other related outcomes (including Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring; Toxic Contaminants Policy & Prevention; Toxic Contaminants Research) go to [Chesapeake Decisions](#) and filter for “clean water” cohort
- Call for nominations: AgWG at- large members
 - Contact Jackie with name, email & resume/bio by January 12th (pickford.jacqueline@epa.gov).
- EPA Office of Water is holding a free, virtual [National Forum on Contaminants in Fish](#) (Fish Forum) on February 28 and March 2, 2023, from 12:00 - 5:30 PM and March 7 and 9, 2023 from 12:00 - 5:30 PM. [Submit an abstract](#) by November 2, 2022 | [Register to attend](#) by February 2, 2022.
- The PSC monitoring report has been finalized and posted to the STAR page [here](#).

1:30 **Panel Discussion: The Mid-Atlantic 4R Nutrient Stewardship Association** – Eric Rosenbaum, RoseTree Consulting, Kristin Fisher, PhD, The Nature Conservancy, Dean Collamer, GrowmarkFS, and Lindsay Thompson, DE-MD Agribusiness Association (1 hour and 30 min).

Each panel member will give a brief presentation on the [Mid-Atlantic 4R Nutrient Stewardship Association](#). Following the presentations, discussion may include:

- Innovative partnerships and what we have achieved using EPA Chesapeake Bay Stewardship funds through NFWF grants
- 4R nutrient stewardship implementation
- Advances in Nutrient Use Efficiency
- How these practices are currently reflected and accounted for in the Chesapeake Bay model and how counting could be improved

3:00 **Recap of Next Steps** – Jackie Pickford, CRC/WQGIT Staffer (5 min.)

Jackie Pickford will recap the actions and next steps from today’s meeting.

3:05 **Adjourn**

ACRONYMS

AgWG – Agriculture Workgroup
 BMP – Best Management Practice
 CAST – Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool
 CBP – Chesapeake Bay Program
 CRC – Chesapeake Research Consortium

DE - Delaware
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
GIT – Goal Implementation Team
MB – Management Board
MD - Maryland
MWWOG - Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
NFWF – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
PSC – Principals’ Staff Committee
QPM – Quarterly Progress Meeting
SRS – Strategy Review System
SSRF – Strategic Science and Research Framework
STAC – Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee
STAR – Scientific, Technical Assessment and Reporting
TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load
USFS – United States Forestry Service
WIP – Watershed Implementation Plan
WQGIT – Water Quality Goal Implementation Team
[4R](#) – Right source, right rate, right time, right place.