

WQGIT Workgroup Updates for July 13

Land Use Workgroup (LUWG)

- The LUWG held a face-to-face meeting on June 4th, where they discussed the Phase 6 land use data gap filling method, local decision rules, and local review periods.
- Their next conference call will be held on July 23rd.

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

- The AgWG held a face-to-face meeting on June 17th and 18th in Petersburg, VA, where they discussed agricultural certainty programs in MD and VA, and the Chesapeake Bay Commission's recent report on livestock exclusion.
- The Workgroup also discussed the Phase 5 Nutrient Management Panel report and the timeline for Partnership review and comment.
- The Workgroup has a conference call on July 16th to continue discussion the Nutrient Management Panel report. The August conference call has been rescheduled to August 24th.

Urban Stormwater Workgroup (USWG)

- The USWG held a conference call on June 16th, where they discussed a [proposal](#) to simplify state reporting of urban BMPs built to new state stormwater standards and retrofits.
- Workgroup members reviewed a list of research priorities identified by recent BMP Expert Panels. The top 4 research priorities identified by the Workgroup will be shared with STAC, WQGIT, EPA ORD, and other groups that fund water research in the Bay watershed.
- Workgroup members also approved a [revised charge](#) to the impervious cover disconnection panel.
- USWG will not meet in July or August, the next meeting will be September 15th.

Federal Facilities Workgroup (FFWG)

- The FFWG held their kickoff meeting on June 24 to discuss the recently finalized Federal Facility Targets Protocol and a path forward for the new workgroup.
- James Davis-Martin (VA DEQ) and Sarah Diebel (DOD) were elected as co-chairs.
- Numeric loading targets for federal facilities will be drafted on a rolling basis as land use data is received from the federal agencies. Targets will be drafted by July 30, 2015.

Forestry Workgroup (FWG)

- The FWG had a conference call in July to discuss Management Strategy Workplan development and review the newest changes made to the Forestry BMP Verification Guidance Document. Members also had a chance to share updates during a round robin.

Toxic Contaminants Workgroup (TCW)

- The Toxics Workgroup had a meeting on July 8 to discuss workplan development and potential options for reporting progress towards the management strategy outcomes.

Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG)

- The WTWG will be meeting jointly with the AgWG on July 16th in order be briefed on the Nutrient Management expert panel report.

Trading and Offsets Workgroup (TOWG)

- The TOWG is scheduled to meet on July 15 to review the finalized Baseline TM and Certification/Verification TM. They are also planning to discuss the recent interim milestones evaluations.

Wastewater Treatment Workgroup (WWTWG)

- The WWTWG held a face to face meeting on July 7.
- The WWTWG recommended further evaluation into using boat pump out facilities in no discharge zones for nutrient reduction credit in the Phase 6 Watershed Model. They are proposing the formation of a subcommittee to further evaluate the topic and provide a formal recommendation.
- The WWTWG recommended further investigation into finding a way to account for loads from rapid infiltration basins in the Phase 6 Watershed Model. A subset of the workgroup will work with the modeling team at CBP to develop a formal recommendation.
- Jurisdictions shared methodologies and progress towards finalizing their historic data cleanup and the Workgroup identified priorities that will guide WWTWG activities leading up to the 2017 midpoint assessment.