

# CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

## Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Eastern Time  
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## Agenda

Topic	Start time (duration)	Item Title <i>Item description</i>	Speaker(s) or presenter(s) Materials
	1:00	<b><u>Welcome and Introduction</u></b>  <i>We will use Teams for roll call purposes, so please ensure your name and affiliation are accurately captured in the participants list. If not, please enter your correct name &amp; affiliation in the chat box. If multiple participants are joining through the same location, please enter your names in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally. Please see bottom of the agenda for details on new meeting security practices.</i>	Greg Sandi, MDE, WQGIT Vice-Chair
	(15 min)	<b><u>Announcements &amp; Verbal Updates</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Coordinator Updates – Jeremy Hanson, CRC<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>MB &amp; PSC Updates</li><li>Workgroup Updates</li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Materials:</b> Presentation
<b>BMP Review</b>	1:15 (25 min)	<b><u>Approval of Agroforestry EPEG Recommendations</u></b>  At the <a href="#">June WQGIT meeting</a> , the group heard an update on the Agroforestry Expert Panel Establishment Group (EPEG) evaluation of the NRCS CPS Alleycropping 311 and Silvopasture 381 for CBP BMP status. This month, Katie Brownson, USFS, and Eric	Eric Hughes, EPA, and Katie Brownson,

Hughes, EPA, will walk the group through the final recommendations and Technical Appendix put forward by the EPEG and will request WQGIT approval of the final report and recommendations.

USFS

**Materials:**  
[EPEG Report and Technical Appendix](#),  
 Presentation

**Decision Requested:** Approval of the Agroforestry EPEG recommendations.

WQGIT Planning	1:40 (40 min)	<p><b><u>Longer-term Planning and Scheduling</u></b></p> <p><i>The PSC’s decision (planned for <a href="#">Aug. 20<sup>th</sup></a>) extends Phase 7 development through the end of 2026 and the “year of review” would begin with 2027. We will walk through a working overview of our path ahead, with a focus on remaining model development and review in 2026 and 2027. This discussion is exploratory and forward-looking since there are ongoing or future partnership conversations and discussions that will set key markers along our timeline through 2030. Draft materials are actively being developed and will be posted as soon as they are ready.</i></p> <p><b>Informational, requesting only live questions and discussion currently.</b></p>	<p>Speaker(s) TBD</p> <p><b>Materials:</b> Presentation</p>
<p><i>[Note: we are skipping our normal scheduled break this month since our agenda is at two hours without it.]</i></p>			
Phase 7 model development	2:20 (35 min)	<p><b><u>Flex time: Phase 7 Updates and Follow-up</u></b></p> <p>We are reserving time on the agenda to spend according to WQGIT members’ needs and interests. For example, this could be spent on emerging questions following the office hours held on <a href="#">August 15<sup>th</sup></a> or <a href="#">18<sup>th</sup></a>. <b>Reminder:</b> questions for the remaining “office hours” on <a href="#">September 15<sup>th</sup></a> or <a href="#">18<sup>th</sup></a> can be provided through <a href="#">this form</a>.</p> <p>Possible topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of Phase 7 CAST Land Uses</li> <li>• Update on Phase 7 segmentation</li> <li>• Other updates to the decision planner</li> </ul> <p><i>Our objective is to spend this time where active discussion is most needed, and we can provide links or materials for other topics not covered.</i></p> <p><b>Informational. Possibly pre-decisional for September depending on the topic(s).</b></p>	<p>WQGIT Leadership; other speakers TBD</p> <p><b>Materials:</b>  <a href="#">Updated Decision Planner</a>, TBD</p>

**Written announcements or reminders**• **Announcements or opportunities**

- The [draft revised Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement](#) is available for public feedback until **Monday, September 1, 2025**. Feedback can be submitted via email to [comments@chesapeakebay.net](mailto:comments@chesapeakebay.net). You can find the [press release](#), [FAQs](#), and a [communications toolkit](#) on the Planning for 2025 and Beyond [webpage](#).
  - CBP hosted a series of webinars on the draft revised Watershed Agreement including “Clean Water for a Healthy Bay: Exploring the Revised Goal,” which covered the Reducing Excess Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Sediment Outcome. Recordings are posted on [CBP’s YouTube channel](#). The Clean Water Goal webinar is [available here](#).
- The next CRC Roundtable, “[A Foundation for Restoration: K-12 Environmental Literacy](#),” will be on **Wednesday, August 20 at 12-1pm**. With the future of the Bay resting in the hands of the next generation, education initiatives and meaningful watershed educational experiences are critical. Join the roundtable to learn more about best practices and the future directions for environmental literacy in the Chesapeake Bay. Learn more and register [here](#).
- The CBP Strategic Engagement Team has kicked off a four-part training series, “Strategically Strengthen How We Work Together.” The next session, “Weave the Network: Moving Towards Deeper Coordination and Communication (Part 1)” is on **Tuesday, September 9, 2025**. These training series will focus on applying network theory principles, identifying critical partnership connections and developing practices and tools that will help us work better together as a partnership. Learn more about the training series [here](#) and register [here](#).
- STAC recently published the report, “[A Path Forward in Considering Future Environmental Scenarios in Chesapeake Bay Restoration Efforts](#),” from the May 2024 STAC Workshop to refine and expand existing climate modeling efforts for the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. [Read it here](#).
- The [Chesapeake Urban Stormwater Professionals \(CUSP\)](#) program will begin **August 27, 2025**. CUSP is Chesapeake Stormwater Network’s free, virtual professional training program. The core of the program is a 14-webinar curriculum that will run through October 2025. Learn more about the program and register [here](#). If you’re interested in sponsoring the 2025 CUSP cohort, [click here](#).
- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay 20th Annual [Chesapeake Watershed Forum](#) will be **November 7-9, 2025** in Shepherdstown, WV. This year’s theme is “Shaping the Future of Conservation with Human-Centered Approaches.” General registration opens on **Monday, August 25 at 8am**. Learn more [here](#).
- The [Bay in the Balance 2025 Conference](#) will take place **December 8-10, 2025** at the Wyndham Conference Center and Hotel in Gettysburg, PA. For more information on the event and to register, please visit the following [site](#).

- The 2025 NFWF Chesapeake Agricultural Networking Forum will take place **November 12-14, 2025** at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA. If you'd like to stay informed on next steps for Forum developments, please fill out this [Google form](#). Registration and lodging information is anticipated by the end of August.
- More conferences and opportunities across the watershed in the coming months are listed in the [July WQGIT Newsletter](#).

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## Acronyms

BMP: Best Management Practice  
 CAST: [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#)  
 CBP: Chesapeake Bay Program  
 CRC: Chesapeake Research Consortium  
 EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

EPEG: Expert Panel Establishment Group  
 MDE: Maryland Department of the Environment  
 MB: [Management Board](#)  
 NRCS CPS: [Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Practice Standards](#)

PSC: [Principals' Staff Committee](#)  
 STAC: [Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee](#)  
 USFS: U.S. Forest Service  
 WQGIT: [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)