



# Coordinator updates

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Photo by Will Parson, Chesapeake Bay Program



# Creative solutions: positive vibe for today

WUSA-9 story: 53-foot yacht sank  
to create 'artificial reef' in the  
Chesapeake Bay  
(<https://youtu.be/AAubQaoHixs>)





## More good news



- New! WQGIT staffer starts in March
- New! 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bay Program logo
- AgWG at-large members
  - Emily Dekar, Upper Susquehanna Coalition
  - Matt Royer, Penn state
  - R.O. Britt, Smithfield Foods
  - Nick Hepfl, Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.
  - Paul Bredwell, US Poultry & Egg Assn.
  - Jim Riddell, VA Cattleman Assn.

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New update! CBP  
Office Staff page

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<https://www.chesapeakebay.net/who/staff>  
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## ICYMI: Carin Bisland retires in May



ICYMI = In Case You Missed It

# Additional updates and opportunities

## 1. STAR Co-Chair opening

- Interested individuals please submit a statement of interest that details why you are a good fit for the voluntary position. Please send the statement (1/2 page or less) to Breck Sullivan ([bsullivan@chesapeakebay.net](mailto:bsullivan@chesapeakebay.net)), **due Friday March 3.**

## 2. GIT Funding Request for Proposals is live through the Chesapeake Bay Trust (deadline March 13)

- <https://cbtrust.org/grants/git/>
- Twelve projects ranging from \$55k-90k, you may recall some of the projects from last year when they were selected for funding:
  - Addressing Regional Tree Supply Challenges & Opportunities
  - Optimizing Riparian Forest Buffer Implementation for Climate Adaptation and Resilience
  - Literature Review: Building Climate Resilience in Stream Restoration Practices
  - Protecting Chesapeake Bay Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Given Changing Hydrologic Conditions: Priority SAV Area Identification and Solutions Development

## Additional updates and opportunities

### 3. Request for Applications (EPA-R3-CBP-23-04): Chesapeake Bay Tidal Water Nutrient Limitation Assessment

- <https://www.epa.gov/grants/grants-your-region-information-specific-epa-region-3>
- EPA seeks to support one recipient to conduct a nutrient limitation assessment (nitrogen and phosphorus limitation) on tidal water samples from the surface waters of the mainstem Chesapeake Bay and select major tributaries over a two-year period.
- The close date of RFA is April 18, 2023. Direct link: <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-02/RFA-23-04.pdf>



# WQGIT at-large results

Ed Dunne, WQGIT Chair



# Nominees

- KC Filippino, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
- Emily Dekar, Upper Susquehanna Coalition
- Joe Wood, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- James (“Jimmy”) Webber, US Geological Survey

THANKYOU to each nominee and those who nominated them.  
We are very grateful!

# Three to confirm today as at-large members

- KC Filippino, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
- Emily Dekar, Upper Susquehanna Coalition
- Joe Wood, Chesapeake Bay Foundation

These three spots will be up for nomination again in late 2024 for a vote and confirmation in early 2025.

Refer to poll results are posted on the calendar page for more information.

**DECISION Requested:** Confirmation of the three individuals as at-large WQGIT members for the 2023-2024 term.

# 2023 WQGIT Outlook

Themed webinars/meetings  
WQGIT leadership team  
Ed, Suzanne, Jeremy, Jackie

# Recalling last month

We took a Mentimeter poll of initial topics to rate the WQGIT's interest, noting the possibility for additional themed meetings this year.

Starting with Q2 this year we aim to host three, with these top 3 topics as the starting point:

- Current state of technical assistance needs to implement WIPs & role of partnership to address needs -- **TBD, SUMMER OR FALL 2023**
- Innovations that work or are most promising to accelerate implementation (pay for performance/outcome, etc.)\* -- **FIRST UP, SPRING 2023**
- Monitoring: factors affecting trends and what we can learn about response to management practices -- **TBD, SUMMER OR FALL 2023**

\*We'll hear from Joe and Kurt about an idea that meshes with this theme



## Other feedback, summarized

- Webinar, with breakouts > Webinar, no breakouts = webcast (only presenters speak)
- Try to build on other partnership or partnership-adjacent efforts (NFWF forums), minimize or avoid duplication where possible
- Additional topic-specific feedback captured in the Jamboard (results posted to the calendar)