

# CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

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

Date: February 27, 2023  
Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Eastern Time  
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Meeting materials: <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/water-quality-goal-implementation-team-git-3-meeting-february-2023>

### Written announcements or reminders

- **Opportunities closing before our meeting:**
  - Chesapeake Stormwater Network's (CSN) **Best Urban BMP in the Bay Award (BUBBA)** competition is open! Submissions accepted through **February 24<sup>th</sup>**.
    - Learn more the BUBBAs and submit your project on the CSN website: <https://chesapeakestormwater.net/about-the-bubbas/>
  - CRC's Chesapeake Student Recruitment, Early Advisement, and Mentoring (**C-StREAM**) program is accepting applications from interested college students, due **February 21<sup>st</sup>**. More info available at <https://chesapeake.org/c-stream/>
- EPA Region 3 RFA for Multiple Tributary Models is open, closing **April 7<sup>th</sup>**. Direct link to the RFA [here](#). More info: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/grants-your-region-information-specific-epa-region-3>
- NFWF reminders and opportunities
  - Recording of the Chesapeake Agricultural Networking Forum (CANF) virtual sessions can be found [here](#)
  - Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund is currently soliciting proposals under two programs:
    - **Small Watershed Grants (SWG) Program**, delivered in partnership with EPA and the CBP partnership. Projects within the Chesapeake Bay watershed that promote voluntary, community-based efforts to protect and restore the diverse and vital habitats of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams.
    - The Chesapeake **Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense Grants (WILD) Program**, delivered in partnership with FWS. Projects that conserve, steward, and enhance fish and wildlife habitats and related conservation values in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

- **Proposals are due by Thursday, April 20, 2023.** NFWF is holding an informational webinar for prospective applicants on Friday, March 3, 2023. Interested applicants must register in advance [here](#) to participate. NFWF will also record and post the webinar to the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund [webpage](#) shortly after its conclusion.
- The Oyster BMP panel report is available for review. Feedback is requested by March 10, and should be sent to the panel Coordinator, Olivia Caretti at [oysterBMPresponse@oysterrecovery.org](mailto:oysterBMPresponse@oysterrecovery.org).
  - The panel report materials and webinar recordings can be found on the [February 7](#) and [February 14](#) calendar entries. The two webinars focused on the panel's recommended enhanced denitrification and oyster assimilation protocols, respectively.
- *In case you missed it:* This opportunity has been shared through the Diversity Workgroup and the Management Board. A four-part virtual workshop series “*Building capacity for equitable grant funding in the watershed*” is taking place in February and March. Workshops 1 and 2 (February 23 and March 15) are for funders only; parts 3 and 4 (March 21 and March 28) are open to funders, nonprofits, intermediaries, and technical assistance providers working in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
  - For more information including the workshop titles and links to register, read the CBP article here: <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/news/blog/chesapeake-bay-program-expands-on-grant-equity-efforts-with-new-workshop-series>

## Agenda

Topic	Start time (duration)	<u>Item Title</u> <i>Item description</i>	Speaker(s) or presenter(s)
	1:00	<u>Welcome and Introduction</u>  <i>We will use Webex for roll call purposes, so please ensure your name and affiliation are accurately captured in the WebEx 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.</i>	Ed Dunne, DC DOEE, WQGIT Chair
	(20 min)	<u>Announcements &amp; Verbal Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management Board and “2025 and Beyond” update – Lee McDonnell, EPA CBPO</li> <li>• Workgroup Updates (2 min or less, open to workgroup chairs or coordinators)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ [Placeholder] Brief check/update on CAST-21 turfgrass fertilizer decision on Feb. 21 USWG agenda</li> </ul> </li> <li>• WQGIT Coordinator Updates – Jeremy Hanson, CRC</li> </ul>	

WQGIT Governance	1:20 (10 min)	<p><b><u>Confirming at-large WQGIT members</u></b></p> <p><i>We greatly appreciate all nominees and those who nominated them for this round of at-large members. The results of the poll sent to WQGIT voting members for the three at-large member spots results in a request to confirm the following three individuals as at-large WQGIT members for the 2023-2024 term:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emily Dekar, Upper Susquehanna Coalition</li> <li>• Joe Wood, Chesapeake Bay Foundation</li> <li>• KC Filippino, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission</li> </ul> <p><i>These three spots will be up for nomination again in late 2024 for a vote and confirmation in early 2025.</i></p> <p><i>Materials: WQGIT At-large Poll Results 2023.</i></p> <p><b>DECISION Requested:</b> Confirmation of the three individuals as at-large WQGIT members for the 2023-2024 term.</p>	WQGIT Chair
Phase 6 CAST	1:30 (20 min)	<p><b><u>New CAST features</u></b></p> <p><i>Helen will review some of the recent updates to CAST and preview upcoming additions to the site. She will then give a brief overview of recent and upcoming CAST webinars.</i></p> <p><i>Materials: CAST Updates Presentation.</i></p> <p><b>ACTION/DECISION Requested:</b> None. Informational only.</p>	Helen Golimowski, Devereux Consulting
WQGIT Planning	1:50 (35 min)	<p><b><u>Discussion and brainstorm for 2023 WQGIT outlook: themed webinars</u></b></p> <p><i>WQGIT leadership will recap the group's preferences and input from the January WQGIT meeting and summarize some prospective ideas for 2023. The working plan is to convene three themed webinars, using the top three topics from our January Mentimeter exercise as starting points.</i></p> <p><i>Joe brought an idea to WQGIT leadership that relates to one of those themes (innovations to accelerate progress, such as pay-for-performance). This will be the first of the three themed webinars. Joe and Kurt will describe the working webinar concept to the group for feedback and suggestions. Volunteers to help plan the webinar offline are welcome.</i></p>	WQGIT Leadership; Joe Wood, CBF; Kurt Stephenson, Virginia Tech

*Materials: Presentation slides (will be posted when available); WQGIT Road Ahead JamBoard Input and Mentimeter Results.*

**ACTION Requested:** Live input through discussion and volunteers.

2:25      Recap of Actions and Decisions

Jackie Pickford, CRC

2:30      ADJOURN

### Additional instructions or info

- This meeting will be recorded for internal purposes. Current EPA policy does not allow for distribution of the recordings.
- Closed captioning will be available for this meeting. To turn on the closed captioning, select the “cc” button in the bottom left corner of the screen. To show a live transcript of the meeting, go to the bottom right-hand corner of the screen and select “captions”.
- If you have any other accessibility concerns, please contact Jackie Pickford ([pickford.jacqueline@epa.gov](mailto:pickford.jacqueline@epa.gov)).

### Acronyms

BUBBA: Best Urban BMP in the Bay Award

CAST: [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#)

CANF: Chesapeake Agricultural Networking Forum

CBF: Chesapeake Bay Foundation

CBP: Chesapeake Bay Program

COB: Close of business

CRC: Chesapeake Research Consortium

CSN: Chesapeake Stormwater Network

C-StREAM: [Chesapeake Student Recruitment, Early Advisement, and Mentoring](#) Program

DC DOEE: District of Columbia Department of Energy & Environment

EPA CBPO: Environmental Protection Agency - Chesapeake Bay Program Office

FWS: [United States] Fish and Wildlife Service

MB: [Management Board](#)

NFWF: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

RFA: Request for Applications

SWG: Small Watershed Grants (NFWF Grants Program)

USWG: [Urban Stormwater Workgroup](#)

WILD: Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense (NFWF Grants Program)

WQGIT: [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)