



**Chesapeake Bay Program**  
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# **Synthesis of WQGIT Feedback Interviews**

**June 22nd – 23rd  
Clean Water Goal Team Meeting**

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# Overview

- **Introduction to Feedback Process**
- **Synthesis of Feedback:**
  - What is working well?
  - What could be improved?
  - Points of Agreement and Points of Contrast
  - Topics of interest
- **Next Steps:**
  - Options to Implement Now
  - Items to Explore in the Future

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# Introduction

- Feedback interviews were conducted from March-Present.
- Participants included WQGIT members/alternates and workgroup chairs. Feedback is not differentiated between these groups.
- This synthesis represents our own interpretation and summary of the feedback received. Slides are not reflective of every comment received and/or feedback of all WQGIT members.
- Feedback is always welcome. Please continue to share your thoughts with us!

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# What is working well?

- **Admin & Communications**

- Coordinator update slides/workgroup updates, decision tracking (actions and decisions/ P7 decision tracker), email communications
- Variety of documentation methods and level of detail is helpful

- **Workgroup chairs meetings, individual member outreach**

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# What could be improved?

- **Decision making processes**

- More advanced notice and discussion of decisional item, additional materials to support decision making (including information from past decisions), etc.

- **Volume of meetings and communications**

- **Level of detail and frequency of informational presentations**

- **Collaboration across goal teams, advisory committees, and external partners, such as NRCS, Land Grant Universities**

- **Member/non-member engagement and participation**

- Ensure all voices are heard
- Consider other or more creative modes of participation

# Points of Agreement and Contrast

## Points of Agreement

- The CWGT has the opportunity to serve as a useful venue for sharing jurisdictional perspectives/challenges and to collaborate across Goals
- The priority topic for the group in the year(s) ahead should be Phase 7, Targets, and WIP development
- Streamline and reduce communications
- Provide advance notice of decisional items and comprehensive supplemental materials
- There is a need to consider opportunities to improve BMP implementation, verification, and crediting

## Points of Contrast

- Preferences vary regarding the level of detail needed for technical components or informational overviews
- Differing opinions on the usefulness of communication materials including the newsletter and website

# WQGIT Topics of Interest



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# Options to Implement Now

**Reduce and streamline:** prioritize simple, faster, easier.

**Improve decision making processes** through advance notice and supplemental briefing materials.

**Sure-up meeting processes:** Improve meeting quality by encouraging discussion among all members, announcing who is speaking, providing materials in advance, and noting on agendas when items are informational or repeated across workgroups.

**Offer a consistent feedback sharing mechanism for members.**

**Increase the availability of background/orientation materials**, such as new member orientation PowerPoints, up-to-date organizational charts, and BMP information.



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# To Explore in the Future...

Provide a central location for ALL workgroup updates and decisions.


Strengthen partnership connections (including other GITs and Workgroups; external partners).

Serve as a consistent venue for cross-jurisdictional information sharing on common topics of interest

Work towards finding the best way to engage the group and leadership, whether that be small groups, breakouts, or other means of encouraging participation.

Continue discussions surrounding BMP implementation and verification (cost effectiveness, credit lifespans, innovative BMPs, inspection and maintenance).

Address lack of resources including human resources.

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Leadership!