



Staffer Updates

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A crew with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conducts part of the annual Blue Crab Winter Dredge Survey on the Choptank River in Dorchester County, Md., on March 25, 2026. **Photo** by Chesapeake Bay Program ([Flickr URL](#))



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Agenda at a glance

- Welcome & Intro
- Business, Workgroup & Phase 7 Updates
- CWGT Workgroup Assessment - **DECISIONAL**
- Remote Sensing of BMPs
- Leveraging Monitoring Data and Modeling Insights Across the Partnership
- Updates to the TCI and Compacted Pervious Loading Rate Ratios
- BREAK
- Review of the Phase III WIP Planning Targets Method
- Hydrologic Period Update
- Wrap-Up & Adjourn

Coming up: Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week June 6-14, 2026. Learn [more](#)!

CWGT Office Hours Sessions: [May 12th](#), upcoming office hours on [June 9th](#).

Business, News & Reminders

Upcoming Conferences: [2026 Choose Clean Water Conference](#) (May 18th-20th), [2026 Chesapeake Community Research Symposium](#) (June 1st-3rd), [2026 Mid-Atlantic Agroforestry Conference](#) (June 4-5th).

[CRC Roundtable](#) on Wednesday, May 20th from 12-1pm on shallow water habitats.

Reminder to check agenda for more announcements or reminders you may not want to miss, including a list of proposal submissions for conferences!

Update on June 22-23rd Hybrid Meeting

[RSVP form](#) sent May 11th from Baldwin.Petra@epa.gov. Please indicate your availability to attend virtually or in person **ASAP or by May 29th**.

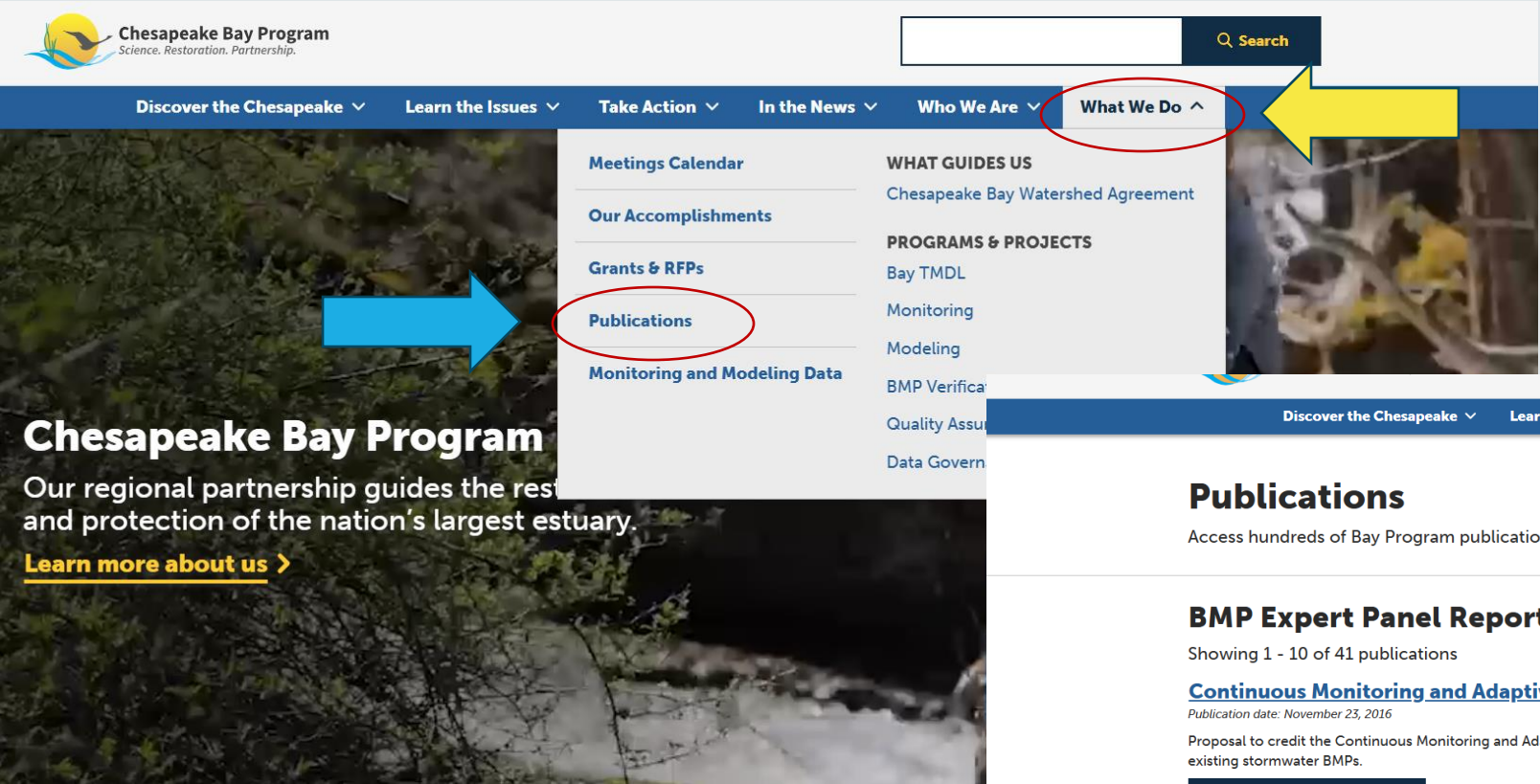
Material development ongoing, including agenda. Planning for a split focus across the two days: Modeling and Nutrients (Day 1) and GT Operations and Management Strategy (Day 2).

We are coordinating a hotel block for a hotel near BWI airport (~10 minutes from MDE). Additional details to follow for those who indicated hotel accommodations on RSVP.

Website Updates

- New link for all [BMP Expert Panel Reports](#) ("What We Do", "Publications", "BMP Expert Panel Report" publication type). See next slide for details.
- New Project on WQGIT Webpage: [BMP Expert Panels Resources](#) (in progress)
- Source sector specific breakout of BMPs on [Agriculture Workgroup](#) and [Urban Stormwater Workgroup](#) pages
- Removal, consolidation, and updates to GIT/Workgroup projects and publications
- Updated related resources tab
- Do you have other updates you would like to be made to the CWGT/WQGIT Webpage? Reach out to Petra Baldwin (Baldwin.Petra@epa.gov) and Caroline Kleis (Kleis.Caroline@epa.gov) with your requests!

BMP Expert Panels Reports - Publication Page



We now have a new link for all BMP Expert Panel Reports!

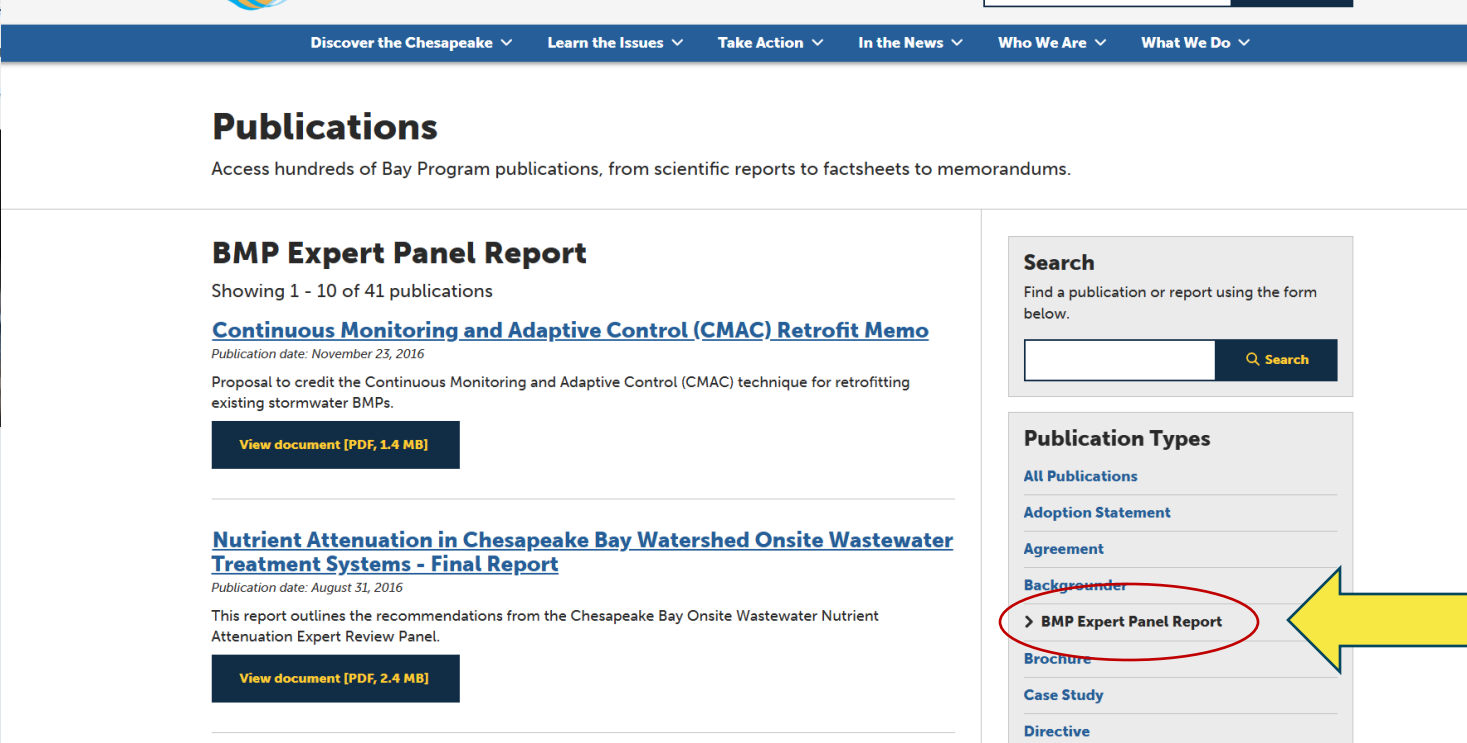
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Workgroup updates

Full workgroup updates provided in later slides; please consult posted slides at your convenience

Workgroup Updates (summary)

open to Chairs or Coordinators to add more

Wastewater

Next meeting: May 28th, 10am-12pm. Agenda items include a discussion on E3 Scenario and a recap of the Phase 7 sewer/septic data review.

Watershed Technical

Met on May 7th, topics included Progress and Progress Communications and an overview of key themes from last month's [Mentimeter brainstorm](#) on potential topics. Next meeting: June 4th, 10am-12pm

Agriculture

Next Meeting: May 21, 10am-12pm. Agenda items will include continued discussion on the Ag E3 Scenario, a presentation and discussion on systems thinking, and relevant CWGT updates. Work on E3 scenario is ongoing in advance of the May meeting.

Urban Stormwater

The May USWG meeting was canceled. USWG workgroup is working on their E3 Scenario and will continue discussions on it in their June 16th meeting.

Workgroup updates – more details

Agriculture

- Next meeting: May 21, 10am-12pm. Agenda items will include continued discussion on the Ag E3 Scenario, a presentation and discussion on systems thinking, and relevant CWGT updates related to structure and Management Strategies. Work on E3 scenario is ongoing in advance of the May meeting with a small group of volunteers, including those who were involved in the development of the Phase 6 E3 scenario.

Forestry

- Attended the Healthy Landscapes Goal Team meeting on Monday, May 11th.
- The Forestry Workgroup will be meeting in person on June 3rd (10:00-3:00pm) in Goochland, Virginia. More details, including a registration form, will be available soon.

Land Use

- The LUWG also attended the Healthy Landscapes Goal Team meeting on Monday, May 11th.

Workgroup updates – more details

Urban Stormwater

- The May meeting was canceled. USWG workgroup is working on their E3 Scenario and will aim to reach consensus at their June 16th meeting (or July meeting).

Watershed Technical

- The WTWG met briefly on May 7th and discussed Progress and Progress Communications and went over the key themes from last month's Mentimeter brainstorm on potential meeting topics. The summary of key themes and Mentimeter responses is available [here](#).
- The WTWG will meet again on June 4th.

Wastewater Treatment

- No Updates. WWTWG will meet May 28th to discuss the E3 scenario and hear an update on the Phase 7 sewer/septic data review.

Toxic Contaminants

- Met May 13th to update workgroup members on the Management Strategy development process and plan for the work to develop the Toxic and Emerging Contaminants Outcome section of the CWGT MS.
- Next meeting: June 10th from 1-3pm

Workgroup updates – more details

CAP

- Next meeting: June 8th, 1:30-3:30pm

Milestones

- No update.

Federal Facilities

- Following the April meeting, the group was informed of the proposed CWGT structure, eliminating the FFWG. FFWG members were invited to participate in the May 12th office hours and May 18th CWGT/WQGIT meeting.
- Next Meeting: June 9th from 10:00AM-12:00PM, though this meeting length and agenda will depend on the structure recommendations finalized at today's meeting.