



**Chesapeake Bay Program
Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG)**

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, July 6, 2023
10:00 AM to 12:05 PM

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Agenda

10:00 Introductions and Announcements – Cassie Davis, NYSDEC (15 min).

- *Please put your name and affiliation in the chat box for attendance purposes. Thank you!*
- **Decision requested:** Approval of June Meeting Minutes.
- CAST21 and WQGIT decisions on Phase 6 CAST Schedule Options – Ruth Cassilly, UMD
- WTWG will be asked to approve the NEIEN Appendix used for 2023 Progress reporting at the August meeting.
- Other announcements?
 - CMAQ presentation scheduled for August - Lew Linker and Gary Shenk EPA, USGS
 - Free Climate Change Risk Assessment Technical Assistance from EPA's Creating Resilient Water Utilities initiative - [Link](#)

10:15 Approval and review of At-Large membership vote – Cassie Davis, NYSDEC (10 min).

Cassie will go over the results of the At-Large leadership vote.

10:25 Animal Mortality BMP Overview – Mark Dubin, UMD, and Auston Smith, EPA (45 min)

Mark will provide background on the Animal Mortality BMP TA Expert Panel Report. Following that, Auston will present the latest update to the Animal Mortality BMP TA incorporating feedback received from workgroup members.

Decision Requested: The WTWG will be asked to vote on whether to approve the Animal Mortality BMP Technical Appendix.

11:10 Overview of the NEIEN Appendix- Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting (15 min)

Olivia will give an overview of the updated NEIEN Appendix followed by a brief discussion if needed. At the August meeting, WTWG voting members will be asked to approve the updated Appendix to be used for 2023 Annual Progress reporting.

- 11:25 **Conowingo BMP Reporting to NEIEN Demonstration** – Tim Paris, Arlluk, Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting (15 min)

Tim and Olivia will demonstrate Conowingo BMP reporting to NEIEN. WTWG members will have time to discuss and ask questions about the process.

- 11:40 **Presentation on Newly AgWG Approved Cover Crop Enhancement Verification Methodology** – Mark Dubin, UMD (20 min).

Mark will present on a new approved methodology for enhanced crop cover verification and reporting developed by PSU, the Capital Area RC&D, PADEP, and UMD.

- 12:00 **Recap of Actions and Decisions** (5 min).

- 12:05 **Adjourn**

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 3rd, 2023, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

Acronym List

BMP: Best Management Practice

CAST: Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (user interface for the CBP Watershed Model)

CBP: Chesapeake Bay Program

CESR: Comprehensive Evaluation of Systemic Response

EPA: [U.S.] Environmental Protection Agency

NEIEN: National Environmental Information Exchange Network

NYSDEC: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

TA: Technical Appendix

UMD: University of Maryland

WQGIT: Water Quality Goal Implementation Team

WTWG: Watershed Technical Workgroup