



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

Thursday, September 4th, 2025

10:00 AM to 11:40 AM

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Agenda

10:00 Introductions and Announcements – Auston Smith, EPA (10 min.)

- Please put your name and affiliation in the chat box for attendance purposes. Thank you!
- **Decision Requested:** Approval of [August Meeting Minutes](#)
- 2025 Progress Schedule
 - Initial QAPP Revision
 - BMP and Wastewater Submissions to NEIEN
- Other announcements?

10:10 Update on August Decisional Items- Auston Smith, EPA (10 min.)

Auston Smith, WTWG Coordinator/EPA, will provide the group with a recap of the decisional items from the August WTWG meeting, noting approved changes for Phase 7.

10:20 Urban Nutrient Management Expert Panel Updates – David Wood, CSN (20 min.)

David Wood, USWG Coordinator/CSN, will provide the group with an update on the Urban Nutrient Management Expert Panel, convened in September of 2024. Included in this presentation will be an overview of draft anticipated recommendations from the panel and next steps. For additional information, view David's [presentation](#) from the 8/25 WQGIT meeting.

10:40 Phase 7 CAST Land Uses – Helen Smith, Devereux Consulting (15 min.)

Helen Smith, Devereux Consulting, will present the group with an overview of the Phase 7 CAST land uses, specifically focusing on what has changed since Phase 6. The full crosswalk of Phase 6 and Phase 7 land uses is available on the [CAST Model Documentation page](#).

10:55 Informational Overview on Animal BMP Excess – Tom Butler, EPA (15 min.)

Tom Butler, AMT Coordinator/EPA, will give the group an informational overview of one of the topics the Agricultural Modeling Team (AMT) has been pursuing- animal BMP Excess. In particular he will give updates on Animal Waste Management Systems, Mortality Disposal, and Exclusion Fencing. Updates will include efforts to avoid instances where more animal BMPs are submitted then can be credited in CAST, as well as the direction of these within the partnership.

11:10 Review of the Final 2025 NEIEN Appendix – Auston Smith, EPA (5 min.)

Auston Smith, EPA, will review the finalized 2025 NEIEN Appendix with the group. Time will be made for partners to ask any questions and provide feedback.

Decision Requested: Approval of the 2025 NEIEN Appendix for use in 2025 annual progress submissions.

11:15 2025 Progress Verification Analysis Overview – Auston Smith, EPA (20 min.)

Auston Smith, WTWG Coordinator/EPA, will give the group an informational overview of the major steps taken in the upcoming 2025 verification analysis of BMP data submitted to CAST.

11:35 Recap of Actions and Decisions (5 min.)

11:40 Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 2nd, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

Acronym List

AgWG: Agriculture Workgroup
CBPO: Chesapeake Bay Program Office
EPA: Environmental Protection Agency
EPG: Expert Panel Establishment Group
NEIEN: National Environmental Information Exchange Network
QAPP: Quality Assurance Project Plan
USFS: United States Forest Service
USGS: United States Geological Survey
VADEQ: Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
WTWG: Watershed Technical Workgroup
WQGIT: Water Quality Goal Implementation Team