

Wetland Workgroup Meeting Draft Agenda

January 8, 2015, 1 – 3:00pm

Chesapeake Bay Program Office, Conference Room 305A
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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Wetland goals included in new Bay Agreement (2011 to 2025)
 - a. Restore 85,000 and enhance 150,000 acres of tidal and non-tidal wetlands across the Chesapeake Bay watershed
 - b. In cooperation with other GIT Workgroups and Chesapeake Bay partners, protect an additional 225,000 acres of wetlands within the entire Chesapeake Bay Watershed
3. Management Strategy
 - a. Timeline
 - b. Progress
 - c. Comments received and discussion
4. Targeting wetland restoration
 - a. Existing targeting initiatives
 - b. Discussion
5. Workgroup member feedback request (we received NO feedback from members)
 - a. Members have expressed different obstacles to implementing restoration projects. Some of them were common among several states such as increasing willing landowners, permitting, and funding.
 - b. Weak interest by members in participating in Bay Program “process” issues such as management strategy and discussions about crediting.

c. Moving Forward - Proposed Options:

- i. Discuss identified obstacles to accelerating wetland restoration and identify options for workgroup to address these obstacles (i.e. coordinated outreach, permitting, advocating for more funding etc.).
- ii. Identify a priority area within each state to focus partner efforts to build momentum, leverage resources, and coordinate outreach to theory of accelerating restoration. Partners from each would need to commit to working together on this and providing feedback to workgroup on progress.
- iii. Focus each meeting on a guest speaker to present relevant wetland restoration work – i.e. more like a speaker series to increase knowledge transfer.
- iv. Additional suggestions???

6. Expert Panel report