



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Tidal and Non-tidal Wetlands Workgroup December Meeting

January 20, 2026
1:00 - 3:00 PM

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Wetlands Outcome: Restore, create, enhance and protect wetlands to support people and living resources, including waterbirds and fish, and provide water quality, flood and erosion protection, recreation and other valuable benefits to people.

- Restore or create at least 3,000 acres and enhance 15,000 acres of tidal wetlands by 2040, focusing on habitats that support populations of waterbirds and represent healthy wetlands across the watershed.
- Restore or create at least 3,000 acres and enhance 15,000 acres of nontidal wetlands by 2040, focusing on habitats that support populations of waterbirds and represent healthy wetlands across the watershed.

Agenda

I. Welcome, Roll Call & Introductions (1:00 – 1:10)

Leads: Workgroup Chairs Pam Mason, Tess Danielson (DOEE), and Nancy Schumm (City of Gaithersburg)

Requested Action: Put your [Name, Affiliation] in the meeting chat.

II. Updates and Announcements (1:10 – 1:50)

Lead: Workgroup Chairs Pam Mason, Tess Danielson (DOEE), and Nancy Schumm (City of Gaithersburg)

- Ducks Unlimited
 - NFWF Grant NWI
 - Fish and Wildlife Cooperative Agreement
- **Requested Action:** Habitat Tracker projects due February 13th.
- Tidal Wetlands Strategic Plan Update.
- Whitepaper Update
 - Final draft will be released after today's meeting.
 - **Requested Action:** provide a red flag review by February 21st.
 - Final whitepaper published on workgroup website early March.
- Waterbirds Vice-Chair Update
- Open Discussion

III. New Outcome (1:50 – 2:00)

Lead: Workgroup Chair Pam Mason

Materials: [Revised Chesapeake Watershed Agreement](#)

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IV. Roots for Resilience: Open Solicitations (2:00 – 2:20)
Lead: Sarah Koser, MD DNR

Background and Context: Maryland DNR released a [RFP](#) seeking living shoreline projects on the Lower Eastern Shore that protect significant marsh acreage. This funding comes from the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant we received to advance natural climate solutions on the shore. **Implemented projects under this Initiative will count towards meeting Maryland's goals for the Wetland Outcome for the Chesapeake Bay Program Watershed Agreement!**

Deadline: April, 6, 2026

V. Partner Updates (2:20 – 2:50)
Lead: Workgroup Chairs Pam Mason, Tess Danielson (DOEE), and Nancy Schumm (City of Gaithersburg)

Requested Action: Workgroup members provide updates for the benefit of the workgroup.

- DC (3mins)
- DE (3mins)
- MD (3mins)
- PA (3mins)
- NY (3mins)
- VA (3mins)
- WV (3mins)
- NGOs (3mins)
- Localities (3mins)
- Private (3mins)

VI. Wrap-Up and Adjourn (2:50 – 3:00)