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Wetlands Workgroup Non-tidal Meeting - March 2026 **Tuesday, March 24, 2026 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

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Purpose: Receive updates about the new Chesapeake Bay Program Structure, Workgroup Management Strategies and how waterbirds are being incorporated into the Program. The Workgroup will also receive a presentation about a funding mechanism that aligns with the Bay Program's Outcomes and receive a demo of the [Stream, Wetland, and Nutrient \(SWaN\) credit trading platform](#).

Agenda

I. Welcome and Roll Call (1:00 – 1:05)

Take time to go over meeting security protocols as well as introduce participants.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

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

Materials: N/A

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

II. Updates and Announcements (1:05 – 1:30)

Workgroup chairs will provide updates and announcements for the benefit of the workgroup membership.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

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

Materials: N/A

- Update on Goal Implementation Teams
- Update on Management Strategies
- Announcement of Waterbird Vice-chair

III. NFWF Chesapeake Stewardship Fund (1:30 – 1:50)

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) will provide an overview of their granting programs and how they prioritize projects meeting regional wetland goals.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead: Kristen Saacke Blunk, Headwaters LLC (NFWF Field Liaison)

Materials: N/A

IV. Presentation and Demo: SWaN Credit Exchange (1:50 – 2:50)

Virginia DEQ partnered with [Water Ledger](#) to create a new digital compensatory wetland mitigation and nutrient credit marketplace that launched on Dec. 15. The [Stream, Wetland, and Nutrient \(SWaN\) credit trading platform](#) increases transparency, making it easier for permittees to purchase credits and for bankers to sell them. SWaN was developed and will be operated by Water Ledger, which received funding from DEQ through a competitive process. The developer of the SWaN Credit Exchange system will present a demo on the product and VA DEQ will give their agencies insights on the tool.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead: Fraser MacLeod (Water Ledger), Nate Dow (Water Ledger) and Sam Jasinski (VA DEQ)

Materials: N/A

V. Wrap-Up (2:50 – 3:00)

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

VI. Adjourn (3:00)

Next Meeting:

Wetlands Workgroup Tidal Meeting - April 2026

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm