



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Wetlands Workgroup Tidal Meeting - February 2026

February 17th, 2026
1:00 - 3:00 pm EST

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Purpose: Introduce new wetlands vice-chair (waterbirds) and hear presentations about Actaeon's River Terrace Project, Chesapeake Bay Trust Tidal Strategic Plan and the Chesapeake Stewardship Fund.

Agenda

I. Welcome and Roll Call

(1:00 – 1:10)

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), and Nancy Schumm (City of Gaithersburg)

Materials: N/A

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

II. Updates and Announcements

(1:10 – 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), and Nancy Schumm (City of Gaithersburg)

Materials: [Revised Chesapeake Watershed Agreement](#)

- New Outcome Language

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.

- a. 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.
- b. 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.

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

III. Jeff Sullivan Waterbird Vice-chair

(1:30 – 1:50)

Jeff Sullivan will introduce himself and provide an overview of his work with waterbirds.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead: Jeff Sullivan, USGS

Materials: N/A

IV. Presentation: Actaeon's River Terrace Project (1:50 – 2:10)
Actaeon will share outreach efforts, the phrag eradication trials, and American lotus seeding effort of their DOEE grant funded River Terrace project.

Requested Action: Decisional or Non-decisional (i.e., discussion and presentation only).

Lead: Donna An, Actaeon LLC

Materials: N/A

V. Presentation: Chesapeake Bay Trust Tidal Strategic Plan (2:10 – 2:30)
Overview on the Tidal Strategic Plan developed by the Chesapeake Bay Trust as well as an update on its current status.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead: Robert McAfee, Chesapeake Bay Trust

Materials: N/A

VI. Presentation: Chesapeake Stewardship Fund (2:30 – 3:00)
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Field Liaison will provide an overview of the Chesapeake Stewardship Fund.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead: Kristen Saacke Blunk, Headwaters LLC

Materials: N/A

VII. Adjourn (3:00)

Next Meeting:

Wetlands Workgroup Non-tidal Meeting - March 2026

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm