

The Data, Analysis and Reporting Workgroup (DAR) is now accepting nominations for Chair positions for a term from August 2026 – December 2028. Please see below for the position description. Feel free to share widely with your networks.

About the Data, Analysis and Reporting Workgroup (DAR): DAR is a newly formed workgroup within the Clean Water Goal Team of the Chesapeake Bay Program. While the scope and function of the workgroup is still being discussed and developed, its primary function will be to coordinate and contribute to explaining water quality conditions and changes and the utilization of this information into decision making. DAR's objectives are to 1) maintain and advance the analysis, interpretation, and communication of changing water quality conditions across the Bay and its watershed and 2) provide support for the integration of water quality data and analytical insight to inform science-based management decisions across the Chesapeake Bay restoration effort.

The workgroup fosters collaboration among government and state agencies, academic researchers, and non-profits to identify research synergies to better understand spatial and temporal water quality changes and develop and share analytical tools. Through cross-pollination of ideas and regular engagement with the broader research and management community, the workgroup strengthens collective scientific insight and supports transparent communication of progress.

More information on the proposal for how this group will support the Water Quality, Standards Attainment and Monitoring Outcome and how the functions of the former [Integrated Trends Analysis Team](#) will be incorporated into this new workgroup is available [here](#) (page 4-5).

Please submit all nominations to Jeremy Hanson (hansonj@chesapeake.org) and Petra Baldwin (Baldwin.Petra@epa.gov) by **COB July 15th, 2026** with the following information. Note that materials from nominees are posted to the workgroup webpage, so only public contact information should be provided.

1. Contact information (name, affiliation, email).
2. Short C.V., resume, or bio (addressing the nominee's background).

Prior to nominating someone, please confirm that they are interested in the position and agree to be nominated. Self-nominations will also be accepted.

Co-Chair Position

Length of Term: 2.5 years, August 2026 – December 2028

- (Note: we have extended the usual 2-year term length to align with other CWGT workgroups.)

Position Description:

The exact nature of the volunteer leadership role largely depends on the candidate and their desired level of activity in relation to the leadership team of the workgroup. Together, the Co-Chairs provide vital strategic guidance toward achieving the workgroup's purpose within the Chesapeake Bay Program.

Essential Duties Include:

- Collaborate with the Co-Chair and Leadership team to facilitate and moderate workgroup meetings. Fostering discussion on agenda topics to ensure all voices are heard during meetings. The frequency and duration of meetings is to be determined.
- Facilitate consensus building within meetings and through active outreach to participants between meetings, as needed.

- Coordinate with workgroup leadership (staffers, coordinator) in the development of meeting agendas and workload priorities.
 - Agenda setting and planning will be key priorities for this group to ensure representation and participation can be fluid among both the scientific and management communities
- Conduct additional internal meetings in support of workgroup, and in-between regularly scheduled meetings as needed, to ensure progress on special or time-sensitive initiatives.
- Foster collaboration with other workgroups and outcomes
- As needed or able, contribute to partnership discussions and activities in response to Clean Water Goal Team directives or priorities.