



Chesapeake Bay Program
Science. Restoration. Partnership.

Clean Water Goal Team

Hybrid Meeting

Welcome & Objectives

September 28, 2026

Welcome!

A few reminders for in-person attendees:

- To access bathrooms and water fountain, exit through the door to the left of the screen and proceed to bathrooms to your right or left. Bathroom code details are available in the room.
- A fridge and water fountain are accessible in the main entry way. A small market with snacks and drink for purchase is located in the lobby.
- CWGT Staff will pick up lunch orders for those who placed an order through Full On. If you placed a lunch order but did not alert Petra and Caroline in advance, please let us know ASAP.
- There will be an informal happy hour gathering at the Trophy Room (Graduate Hotel Annapolis) beginning at 5:15pm today - all are welcome to attend!

Ground Rules – The Big Ideas

We cannot be articulate all the time, it's okay. Be courageous, speak up, & give grace.

No one knows everything, but together we know a lot; let's make space for as many voices as possible.

Be aware of who is and who is not at the table or online. Be mindful of how circumstances affect content & decision-making.

Practice presence AND take care of yourself.

Foster the assets and possibilities, leave the deficit thinking behind.

Celebrate this opportunity to work together to achieve common goals.



Ground Rules –Small Practical Requests

Everyone

- We have scheduled breaks but please stretch your legs and use facilities as needed
- Please wait to be called on
- Let others speak before speaking again; for some items, facilitators may prioritize or call on people who haven't yet spoken

Those in the room

- MUTE and put away your phones to the extent possible
- Make a habit to identify yourself for those online
- Use your tent card or raise your hand so we know you have a question or comment

Those online

- We will give mic/video permissions to members and stakeholders that RSVP'd to us
- We may not have time or ability to hear from everyone; we will prioritize Goal Team members, workgroup leads, etc.
- Use the chat freely but be patient with us in the room
- Use reactions liberally (thumbs up, heart, etc.)
- Raise your hand (we'll give A/V permissions if not yet provided)
- When speaking we encourage you to turn on your camera



Governance, Structure and Membership Overview

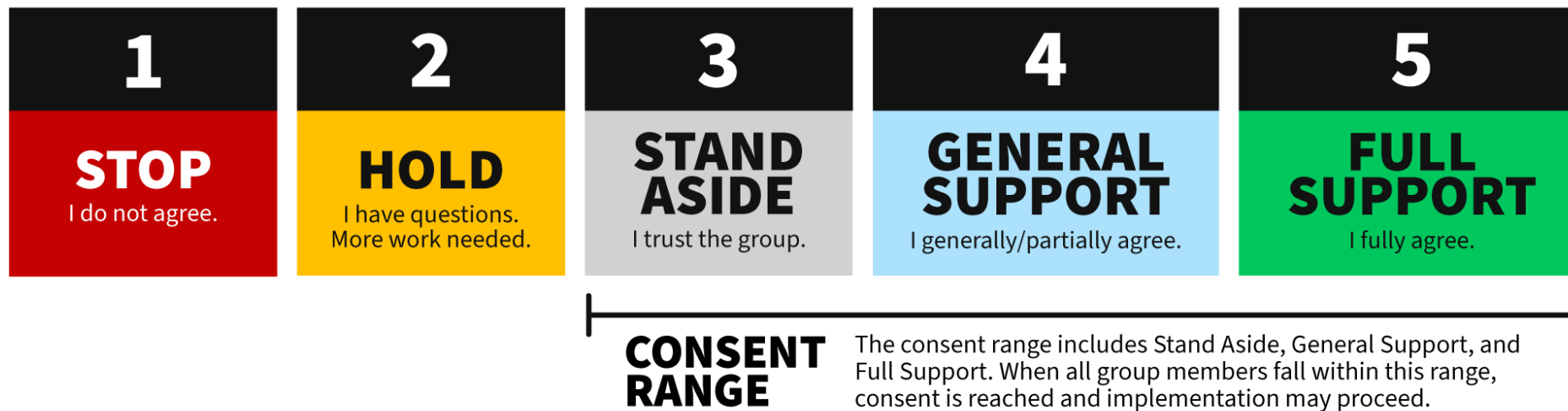
Governance & Management Framework

- Adopted June 30th, 2026 following Policy Steering Committee approval
- Key information for members was outlined in the [GMF 101 Webinar](#) (recording, slides and FAQ posted)
- Refer to the full [GMF Document](#) for further details
- [New Member Orientation Slides](#) were updated to account for these changes and are posted to the website

Decision Making aspects of the GMF are outlined on the following slides...

Decision Making

Chesapeake Bay Program Decision-Making Continuum



While **consensus** (defined in the GMF as unanimous full support) is the partnership's goal, the partnership employs a **consent-based decision-making** approach. Should a decision-making body fall short of unanimous consent, the voting members may use a vote to proceed.

Consent-based Decision-Making Process

Before meeting:

1. **Identify a decision is needed**

- *Group leaders, with input of members, make the determination and include the topic on the meeting agenda.*
- *Agenda and supplemental materials are posted with adequate advanced notice, if required.*

At meeting:

2. **Check for quorum of voting members**

3. **Discussion with all members**

4. **Form and present a decision proposal**

5. **Call for consent by all members***

- *If unanimous consent is reached (no member expresses dissenting views by taking a position of “1” or “2” on the decision-making continuum), the decision has been approved.*
- *If unanimous consent is not reached, dissenting members should articulate their concerns.*

6. **Identify and address concerns**

7. **Modify proposal and call for consent by all members***

**For the PSC, only voting members participate in calls for consent.*

Source: [GMF 101 Webinar](#)

If Consent Cannot Be Reached...

8. Voting members will vote.

- *For a decision to be approved, a group must meet the **quorum requirements and decision threshold** for that group.*
- *Group chairs will call for each voting member to take a position: **support, oppose, or stand aside**.*
- *The decision threshold is based on the total number of designated voting members, not the number of voting members who are present.*

For goal teams and workgroups, the quorum requirement is two thirds and the decision threshold is two thirds. If there are 15 voting members, a decision is approved if at least 10 of voting members take a position of support or stand aside. If between 10 and 15 voting members are present, decision approval still requires 10 to register support or stand aside.

For the PSC, quorum requires 7 of the 9 voting members and the decision threshold is 7 of 9. A decision is approved if at least 7 voting members support or stand aside.

Clean Water Goal Team Structure

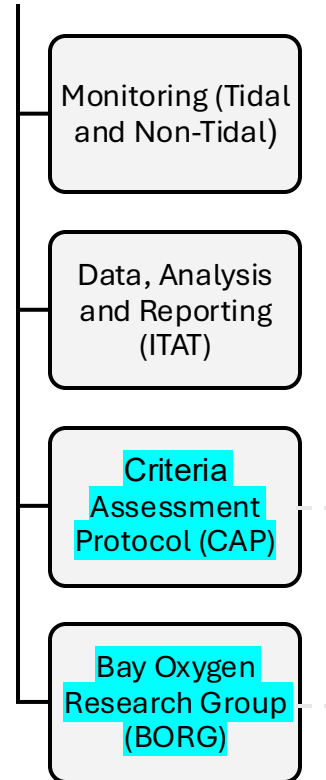
Groups (12) are shown under the outcome they most closely support.

Action Teams (3), who will function until their charge is fulfilled, are highlighted in blue.

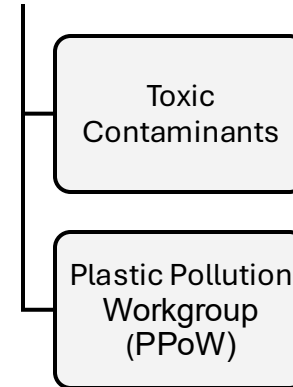
More information on the proposed function of each group is [available here](#).

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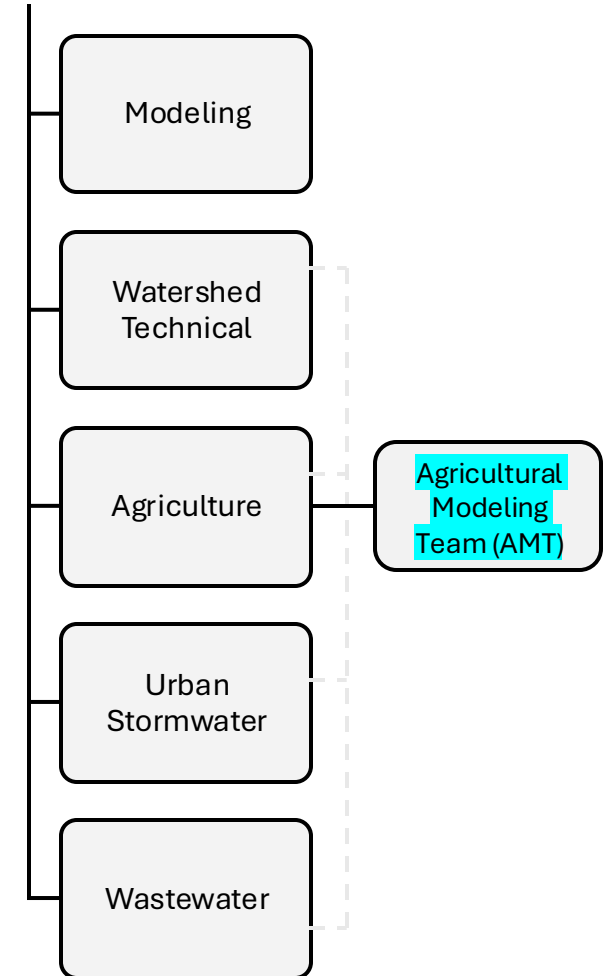
Water Quality, Standards Attainment & Monitoring



Toxic & Emerging Contaminants



Reducing Excess Nitrogen, Phosphorus & Sediment



CWGT Voting Membership

- All CWGT signatory (9) and at-large (6) voting members confirmed

Affiliation	Lead Representative	Alternate or Term
DE	Holly Walker, DNREC	N/A
DC	Jonathan Champion, DOEE	Caitlin Blair, DOEE / Efeturi Oghenekaro, DOEE
MD	Greg Sandi, MDE, co-chair	Sarah Lane (MD DNR) / Elizabeth Hoffman (MDA)
NY	Cassie Davis, DEC	N/A
PA	Scott Heidel, PA DEP	Ashley Hullinger, DEP / Kate Bresaw, DEP
VA	Kevin McLean, DEQ	Amanda Shaver, DEQ
WV	Scott Settle, DEP	N/A
CBC	Marel King	Norah Carlos
Federal Reps	Lee McDonnell, co-chair Suzanne Trevena, EPA	Bo Williams, EPA
At-Large	Kevin DuBois, DoW	Aug 2026 – Dec 2027
At-Large	Lisa Blazure, Stroud	Aug 2026 – Dec 2027
At-Large	Erik Michelsen, AA Co. DPW	Aug 2026 – Dec 2027
At-Large	KC Filippino, HRPDC	Jan 2025 – Dec 2026
At-Large	Joe Wood, CBF	Jan 2025 – Dec 2026
At-Large	Emily Dekar, USC	Jan 2025 – Dec 2026

CWGT Non-Voting Membership

- CWGT non-voting members include representatives from the Advisory Committees (4) and Workgroup Chairs (9)
- Welcome to our new Advisory Committee reps!

Affiliation	Lead Representative or Workgroup Chairs
Agricultural Advisory Committee	Amanda Barber
Local Government Advisory Committee	Cindy Dyballa
Stakeholders' Advisory Committee	Olivia Martin
Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee	Robert Sabo
Agriculture Workgroup	Caitlin Grady (GWU) / Jenn Fetter (PSU)
Data, Analysis and Reporting Workgroup	Amanda Shaver (VADEQ) / Jimmy Webber (USGS)
Modeling Workgroup	Dave Montali (Tetra Tech) / Mark Bennett (USGS)
Monitoring Workgroup	Cindy Johnson & Meighan Wisswell (VADEQ) / Tom Parham (MDNR)
Plastic Pollution Workgroup	Tish Robertson (VA DEQ) / Kelly Somers (EPA)
Toxic Contaminants Workgroup	Tony Timpano (VA DEQ)
Urban Stormwater Workgroup	Norm Goulet (NVRC), KC Filippino (HRPDC)
Wastewater Treatment Workgroup	Justin Carl (AlexRenew) / Jamie Mitchell (HRPDC)
Watershed Technical Workgroup	Sushanth Gupta (MWCOG) / Christina Lyerly (MDE)

Workgroup and Action Team Membership

- Signatory voting members mostly confirmed, with a few still TBD
- At-large voting members confirmed for most groups
- More information will be shared on the status of groups' membership during Workgroup Updates (Day 2 Agenda Item 8)
- A spreadsheet of all CWGT groups' membership will be compiled once all groups are finalized, per CWGT member request, however note it will not actively be maintained and the most up-to-date lists are on each groups' website page.

Day One Objective

- The CWGT will work to make necessary remaining decisions for the Phase 7 Model.

Day One: Agenda At A Glance

- Introductions and Announcements
- Interactive Kickoff Activity
- Land Use Change Model- ~~*Decisional*~~ *Decision to be sought post-meeting*
- Break
- E3 Scenario Sector Inputs- *Decisional*
- Decisional Item Flex Time
- Lunch
- Scenario Base Year- *Decisional*
- Hydrologic and Critical Period- *Decisional*
- Break
- Phase 7 Review Expectations
- Connecting Watersheds to Tidal Water Quality Tool
- Wrap Up
- CWGT Social Gathering at the Trophy Room

Day Two Objectives

- Finalize Management Strategies and set expectations for workgroup workplans.

Day Two: Agenda At A Glance

- Introductions and Announcements
- Tiered Implementation Discussion
- Break
- Approval of CWGT Management Strategy- ***Decisional***
- Lunch
- Primer on New Workgroups
- Expectations for Workgroup Workplans
- Workgroup Updates
- Wrap Up and Adjourn
- Optional CBPO Fall Social Gathering at the Overlook