Engaged Communities Goal Team Quarterly Meeting – October 2026

October 22, 2026
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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Purpose: The purpose of the meeting is to introduce new Goal Team members and facilitate connections; provide updates on the Chesapeake Bay Program strategic planning process to support the revised *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*; share Workgroup updates and accomplishments; and discuss shared challenges and future priority-setting for the Goal Team.

Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions (10:00 – 10:15 AM)
Goal Team members will be invited to introduce themselves and participate in a brief team-building exercise.

Lead: Julie Lawson, DC DOEE (co-chair); Julia Wakeling, DC DOEE (co-chair)
Materials: Get to Know Me slides

II. Workgroup Round-Robin Updates (10:15 – 10:45 AM)

Each workgroup will have 5 minutes to provide general updates, highlight recent success stories or projects, and elevate any priorities or issues for further discussion by the Goal Team.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Workgroup Chairs

III. Chesapeake Bay Program Updates (10:45 – 11:15 AM)

Updates on Strategic Plan development timeline and materials, including Engaged Communities Management Strategy, Outcome Workplans, and public feedback period; overview of Goal Team member roles and responsibilities and consensus process.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Julie Lawson; Julia Wakeling
Materials: Engaged Communities Management Strategy draft; Strategic Plan and Workplan development page; Governance and Management Framework; Goal Team Roster

IV. Collaborative Discussion on Goal Team Priorities and Challenges (11:15 – 11:45 AM)

Open discussion to receive feedback on how the Goal Team can best serve its members; discuss shared challenges, definitions for common terms, and opportunities for coordination between Workgroups.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Julie Lawson; Julia Wakeling; Katie Ayers, EPA (Coordinator)

V. Chesapeake Steward Map (11:45 – 12:00 PM)

Presentation on the Chesapeake Steward Map. Participants are encouraged to add themselves to the map during our lunch break.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Meredith Lemke, CRC (Staffer)

VI. Wrap-Up (12:00- 12:05 PM)

Confirm 2027 quarterly meeting months (Feb, May, Aug, Nov) and action items.

Lead: Katie Ayers

VII. Lunch (12:05 – 1:00 PM)

Please bring your own lunch, or there are a variety of nearby restaurant and fast-food options.

VIII. Elktonia Carr's Beach Heritage Park Visit (1:15 – 2:45 PM)

We encourage carpooling to the site from the Chesapeake Bay Program Office, as there is limited parking space. Guest speakers from City of Annapolis and Blacks of the Chesapeake will share more about the cultural and historical context of the site and its connection to Engaged Communities outcomes as part of the greater Chesapeake region.

Parking is available at the Annapolis Maritime Museum – Park Campus, 7300 Edgewood Road, Annapolis, MD 21403.

IX. Adjourn + Optional Happy Hour (3:00 – 5:00 PM)

Chessie's Wharf, 609 Melvin Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401

Next Meeting: February 2027