



Purpose Our workgroup exists to strengthen and align efforts that build a skilled, informed, and connected workforce supporting the health and sustainability of the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed.

How We bring together educators, training providers, employers, community partners and local, state and federal government staff to identify and remove barriers, elevate best practices, and coordinate strategies that expand access to environmental and watershed-related career pathways for all job seekers.

Who & Why The Workforce workgroup is looking to expand our network and we are looking for people to join us with a myriad of expertise and skills, including from both lived and professional experiences. Some examples include:

- Departments of Labor
- Landscape businesses and trade associations
- Workforce development NGOs
- Community colleges/Higher Education
- Workforce boards from Bay jurisdictions (state level and local)
- K12 Career and Technical Education (CTE) professionals
- Policy experts, especially those involved in climate action plans
- Agency HR staff
- Agribusiness or agricultural trade associations
- Related Unions (e.g. Municipal Employee Union)

Benefits By participating you can expect to build more partnerships across education, workforce, and industry. Be on the leading edge in defining priority conservation-oriented workforce needs, skills, and credentials in the Chesapeake region. Other benefits include:

- Access to information and success opportunities in a field that is emerging
- Regional data availability, standardization and tracking
- Ability to connect with people in other networks (e.g. conservation, CTE)
- Skill building
- Entrepreneurial approach to workgroup development that embraces a network mindset at the outset

Join Us!

If you see yourself or others in your network contributing to these conversations, please join us or share this with someone else who may be a good fit.

Meetings

Our meetings are virtual and we welcome anyone interested. Join us in 2026 on April 17, Aug 21, and Oct 16 from 10:30am - 12:30 pm.

Learn More

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