



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Maintain Healthy Watersheds GIT Meeting

August 14, 2023

11:00 am-1:30 pm

[Meeting Materials](#)

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Meeting ID: 996 9309 3418 Passcode: GIT4

Conference Line: 301-715-8592 Password: 416261

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- 11:00 AM** **Welcome and Updates** – Jeff Lerner, HWGIT Chair, Acting Branch Chief, Partnerships and Accountability Branch
- 11:10 AM** **Introduction of New HWGIT Coordinator-** Jeff Lerner, HWGIT Chair, Acting Branch Chief, Partnerships and Accountability Branch
Jeff will introduce the HWGIT to Peter Claggett, the new coordinator of the GIT.
- 11:15 AM** **Updates-** Sophie Waterman, CRC, Staffer HWGIT
Sophie will inform the GIT of the new Strategy Review System schedule and what that means for the GIT, the 2023 GIT funding schedule, the creation of the Indicator Action Team, call for members to join the Community Response to Land Use Change GIT funding project steering committee, and request for jurisdictions to meet with the HWGIT team.
- 11:30 AM** **Results of the Chesapeake Healthy Watersheds Assessment 2.0 (CHWA 2.0)** - Sarah McDonald, USGS
Sarah will give a presentation on the newly released CHWA2.0 and talk about the analysis and results of the new assessment. Sarah will also be showing the functionality of the CHWA 2.0 tool to the group.
- Action:** Explore the CHWA 2.0 application in September and provide formal feedback at the October meeting about the functionality of the application and whether or not you expect it will be used to inform state, local, or NGO decisions.
- (Workplan Actions:** 1.1 Continue gathering inventory of healthy watersheds, 1.2 Develop vulnerability information, 4.3 Promote the Science, 4.1 Provide a valued forum for mutual learning and exploration)
- 12:00 PM** **Chesapeake Bay Program's Land Use Strategy: Draft-** Peter Claggett, USGS
Peter will introduce the land use strategy for the "Beyond 2025" Management Board Committee to consider when planning for the partnership's future.
- Action:** The HWGIT will be asked to provide feedback on what should be included in this strategy and think about how this can be used to influence GIT Funding projects.
- (Workplan Actions:** 1.4 Maintain and expand assessment activities and information, 2.1 Outreach, 4.2 Develop information resources and support communications)
- 12:30 PM** **Reaching and Beyond 2025** - Jeff Learner, EPA
Jeff will lead a discussion on the Reaching 2025 and Beyond 2025 efforts and how land protection and Healthy Watersheds fit in. Jeff will touch on the [Charting a Course to 2025 report](#) (Reaching 2025), which is now open for [comments](#) until 8/21.
- Action:** The HWGIT will be asked to provide feedback on the efforts.
- (Workplan Actions:** 4.3 Promote the science, 5.1 Improved Cross Outcome Coordination)
- 1:00 PM** **Adjourn**