



Public Access Workgroup Meeting

August 18, 2026
2:00 - 4:00pm

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Agenda

Purpose: This meeting will cover important announcements on the management strategy drafting process and the 2025 data call, as well as continue discussions on how to define and track site upgrades/maintenance, ADA/ABA Accessibility, and greenspace access. Participants will also hear from Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB) and their work on increasing outdoor recreation opportunities for people with disabilities.

Decisional items will occur in this meeting. Decisions include how to define and track site upgrades and new amenities, how to track ADA/ABA Accessibility, and which tracking method the Public Access Workgroup (PAWG) will pursue when tracking access to urban and community greenspace. More details can be found in each respective section below.

I. Welcome and Introductions (2:00 - 2:05pm)

II. Announcements (2:05 - 2:10pm)

- Updates on management strategy drafting and the recurring meeting schedule will be

shared and discussed. An Office Hour will be scheduled when management strategy drafting has wrapped up to have dedicated time for workgroup members to provide feedback on the management strategy draft.

Requested Action: Non-decisional (discussion and presentation only).

Materials: Presentation Slides

III. New Member Introductions (2:10 - 2:25pm)

- New members will be invited to introduce themselves to the workgroup.

Requested Action: Non-decisional (discussion and presentation only).

Materials: Presentation Slides

IV. Overview of Chesapeake Bay Program / PAWG (2:25 - 2:40pm)

- Participants will get an overview on the structure of the Bay Program, and how it relates to the Public Access Workgroup. Details on the annual data call and decision making will also be discussed.

Requested Action: Non-decisional (discussion and presentation only).

Materials: Presentation Slides

V. Establishing Maintenance and Upgrades Guidelines (2:40 - 3:00pm)

- Participants will discuss what is defined as an upgrade, and how new amenities to a site are tracked. Topics included in this discussion are how new amenities to a site are tracked (whether that is considered a new site or an upgrade), whether dollars spent on upgrades is a feasible tracking mechanism, and how ADA/ABA upgrades fit into this tracking. A discussion will follow on how to define maintenance, and if a specific definition is necessary at this moment.
- A decision will follow on the following:
 - Consideration on redefining what counts as a “new” access site (the previous Public Access Plan defines new amenities to a site as a new site altogether).
 - Defining upgrades as dollars spent
 - Defining upgrades qualitatively and creating a list

Requested Action: **Decisional**. See above.

Materials:

- [2013 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Public Access Plan](#)

VI. Guest Speaker: CRAB (Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating) (3:00 - 3:30pm)

- Participants will hear from Paul Bollinger, President & CEO of the Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating ([CRAB](#)) about the work they do on increasing accessible boating to

people with disabilities across the Chesapeake Region.

Requested Action: Non-decisional (discussion and presentation only).

Materials: Presentation Slides

VII. Establishing ADA/ABA Upgrades Tracking (3:30 - 3:40pm)

- Participants will discuss how the workgroup will track ADA/ABA upgrades within the data calls moving forward. One option is to create a list of acceptable ADA/ABA improvements/amenities to use as a tracking guide for such projects. Participants are encouraged to share their thoughts on this and/or other tracking options.
- A decision will follow on whether this method of tracking ADA/ABA improvements will be used.

Requested Action: **Decisional**. See above.

Materials: Presentation Slides

VIII. Tracking Access to Greenspace (3:40 - 3:55pm)

- Participants will continue the discussion on tracking greenspace by reviewing the previously proposed tracking methods presented by Trust for Public Land in May. A decision will follow on which path to take as a workgroup.
- Propose settling in on using Option 1 currently (tracking acres of greenspace), and work on incorporating Option 3 (measuring access gaps with 10 Minute Walk Analyses) in the future. Work on filling out the public access attribution of the Protected Lands database.

Requested Action: **Decisional**. Decide which option of tracking to pursue.

Materials: Presentation Slides

IX. Wrap-Up / Round Robin (3:55 - 4:00pm)

- This time is open for members to share items of interest to the group.

X. Adjourn (4:00 pm)

- **Next Meeting: Tuesday November 17th, 2-4pm**

Note: As we begin to draft management strategies and continue developing metrics for the remaining targets, there may be additional meetings scheduled throughout the summer/fall as needed.

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