



Protected Lands Workgroup Meeting

June 9, 2026
2:00-4:00pm

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Agenda

Meeting Materials:

- Materials will be posted to the [meeting webpage](#) as they become available.

Purpose: Discuss the process for drafting management strategies and goals/metrics for the greenspace target.

Welcome and Introductions

(2:00 - 2:15pm)

Place your name and affiliation in the chat

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite in season produce?

I. Marine Protected Areas

(2:15 - 2:40)

- Lead: Daniel Koval, CRC; Nick Staten, CRC; Christina Garvey, CRC
- This presentation will cover a CBP Staffer-led research project on Marine Protected Areas in the watershed which culminated in a written report detailing background information of MPAs, current states of living resources in the Bay, and what MPA designation could mean for surrounding areas. This an informational report with the intent to be located under the Protected Lands Workgroup webpage as a project.

II. Watershed-Based Initiatives (2:40-3:00)

- Lead: Jeff Lerner, EPA, PLWG Chair
- Participants will hear about watershed-based initiatives around the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Example Watershed Based Initiatives include:
 - [Chesapeake Conservation Atlas Data Viewer](#)
 - [Sentinel Landscapes Partnership](#)
 - [Delmarva Restoration and Conservation Network](#)
 - [Whole Watershed Program](#)

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Materials: Presentation Slides

III. Management Strategies Update (3:00-3:30)

- Lead: Sophie Waterman, USGS, PLWG Coordinator
- Participants will hear about the timeline for drafting management strategies, what is asked from the workgroup throughout the process, and be asked to react to draft management strategies. Templates and examples will be shared and discussed.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Materials:

- Presentation Slides
- Writing Templates:
 - [Workplan Example Backyard Birds 2026 04 02 FINAL](#)
 - [Workplan Template 2026 04 16 FINAL](#)
 - [Management Strategy Example Backyard Birds 2026 04 16 FINAL](#)
 - [Management Strategy Template 2026 04 16 FINAL](#)
 - [MS Timeline 2026 04 16 FINAL](#)

IV. Greenspace Target - Goal Setting (3:30-3:55)

- Lead: Sophie Waterman, USGS, PLWG Coordinator
- Participants will discuss baseline metrics for greenspace, potential acreage goals, and additional greenspace metrics that could be tracked. This will begin discussion for the short and long term outlook for the workgroup's progress on the greenspace target.

Requested Action: Non-decisional (discussion and presentation only, decision to be made in summer 2026).

Materials:

- Presentation Slides
- [Trust for Public Land Presentation Slides](#), for review

V. Wrap-Up and Member Share-Outs (3:55-4:00)

- Protected Lands Workgroup leadership will provide plans for future workgroup member

engagement to better understand how different programs, priorities, and protection work can align with the current funding landscape.

- The remainder of the time will be open for members to share items of interest to the group.

VI. Adjourn

(4:00pm)

- **Next Meeting: August 4, 2:00-4:00pm**
 - **This meeting will focus on the Agricultural Lands Target**

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