



**PROTECTED LANDS
APRIL MEETING**



1. Introductions

- *What are you most looking forward to this spring?*

2. Chair Nominations

3. Current Membership and the Future of the Protected Lands Workgroup

4. Greenspace Definition and tee up for Goal Setting

5. Member Share-Outs and Wrap-Up

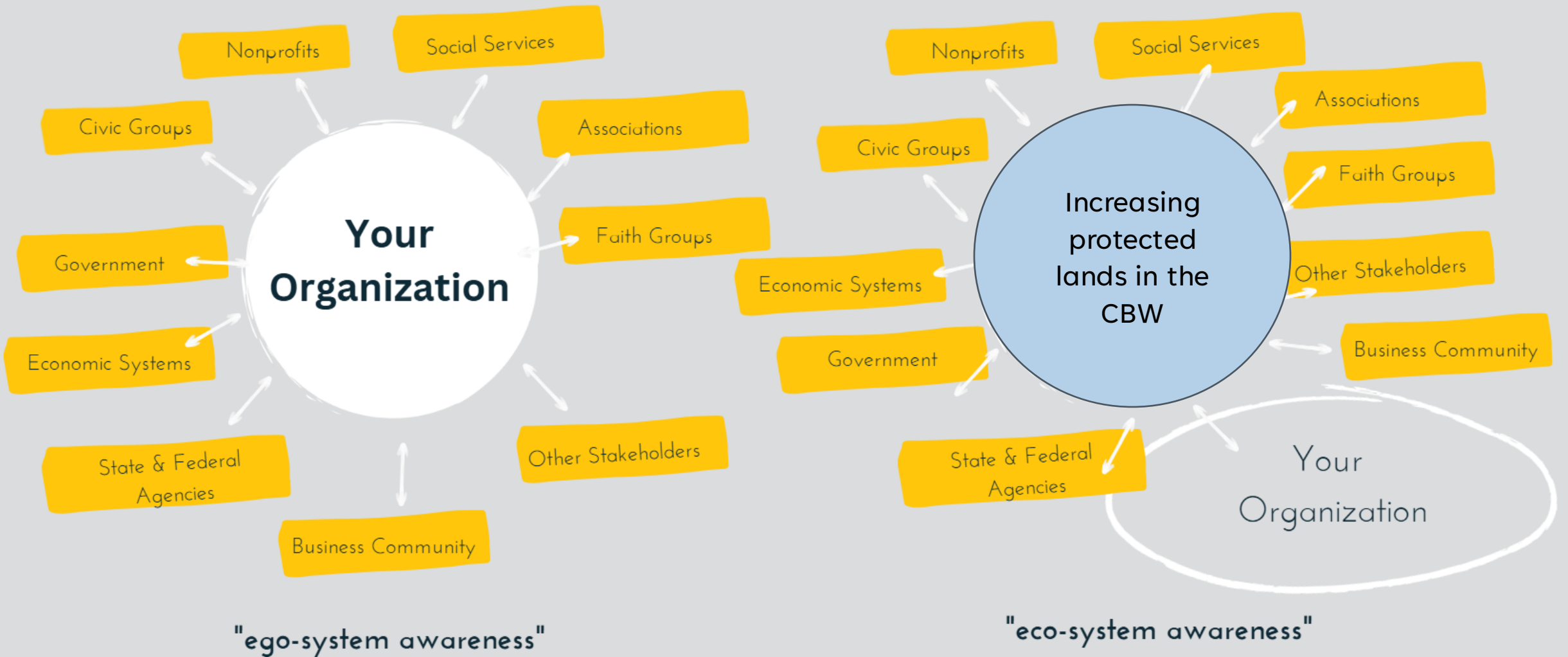
CHAIR NOMINATIONS



**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AND
THE FUTURE OF THE
PROTECTED LANDS
WORKGROUP**



"When groups of people share their different perspectives & blend their ideas together, new possibilities arise that could not have been predicted" (Impact Networks).



CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Leadership Team

| Position | Organization |
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| Chair | EPA* |
| Coordinator | USGS |
| Staffer | CRC |

*needs to be confirmed by PLWG and HLGT

| Jurisdiction | Organization |
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| Maryland (2) | Department of Natural Resources |
| Pennsylvania | Department of Conservation and Natural Resources |
| Delaware | Delaware State Parks |
| District of Columbia | Department of Energy and Environment |
| Virginia (2) | Department of Wildlife Resources/ Department of Conservation and Recreation |
| West Virginia | Division of Natural Resources/ Division of Forestry |
| New York | Department of Environmental Conservation |
| Feds | USGS/USFS/USFWS/BLM/NPS/EPA |
| Other | CBC |



**INTERESTED
PARTIES**

Chesapeake Conservation Partnership

Ingenious Conservation Council

VA United Land Trusts

Northern VA Conservation Trust

Groundwork RVA

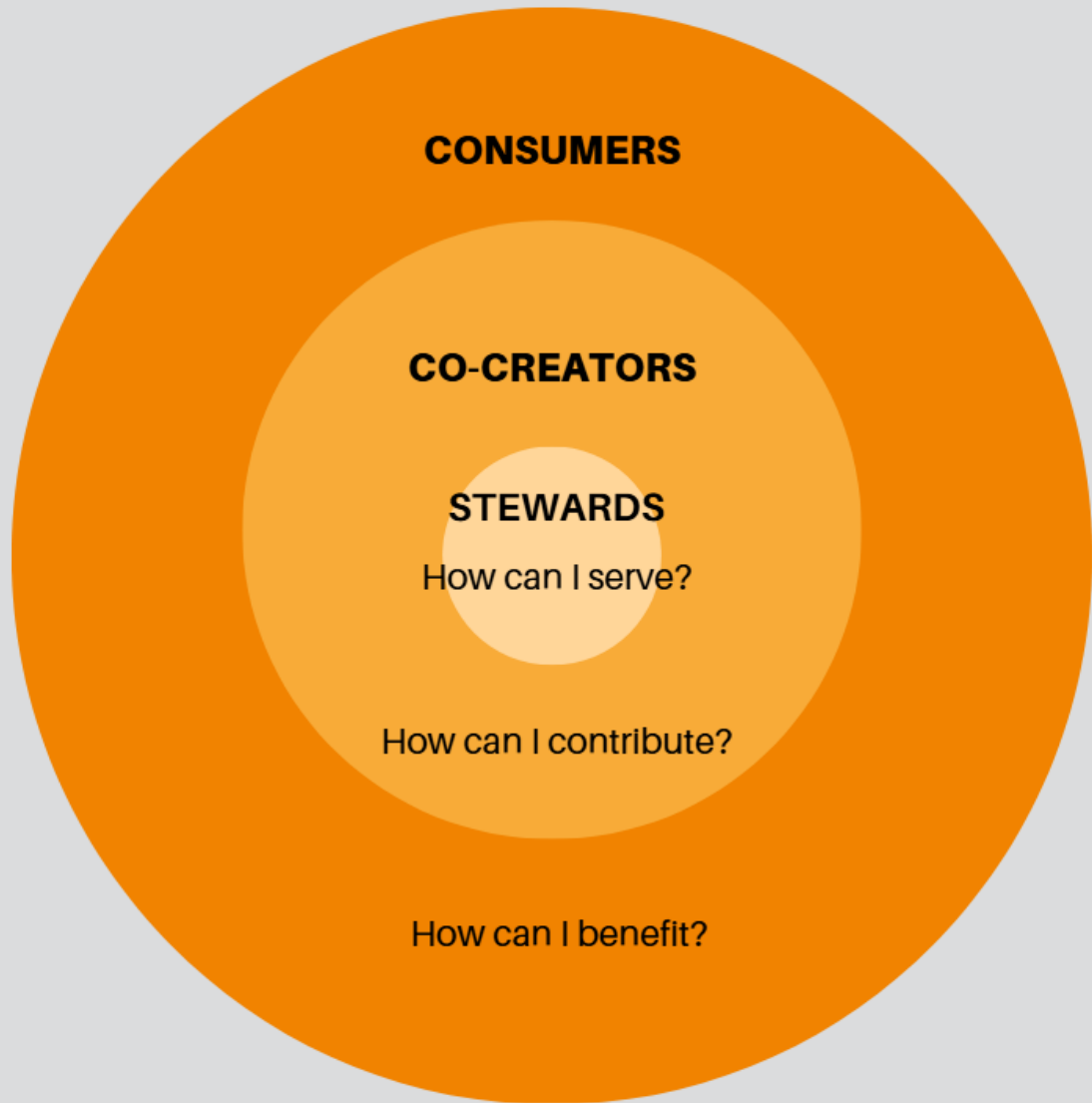
Capital Region Land Conservancy

The Conservation Fund

Stakeholders Advisory Committee

Chesapeake Research Consortium

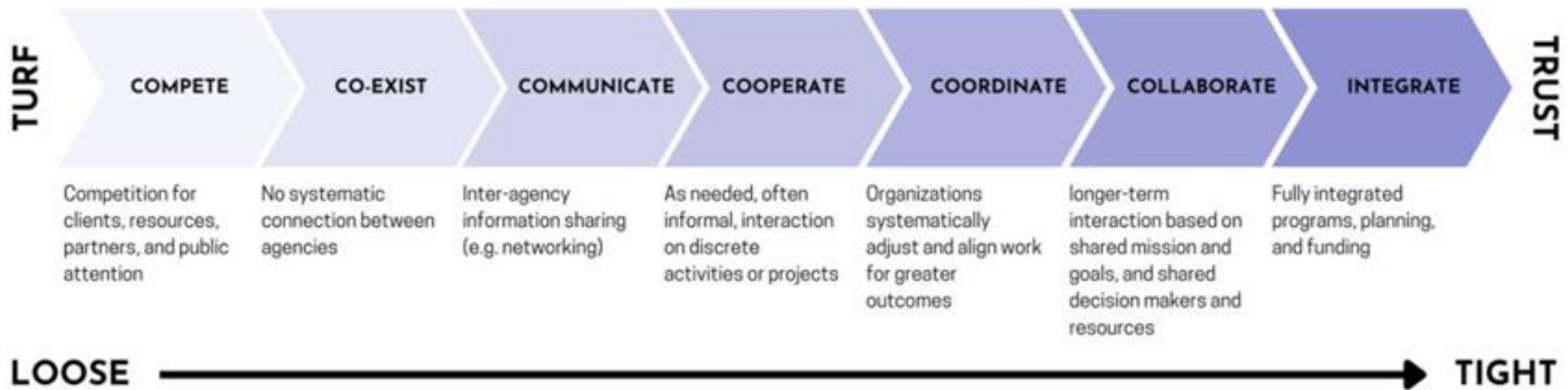
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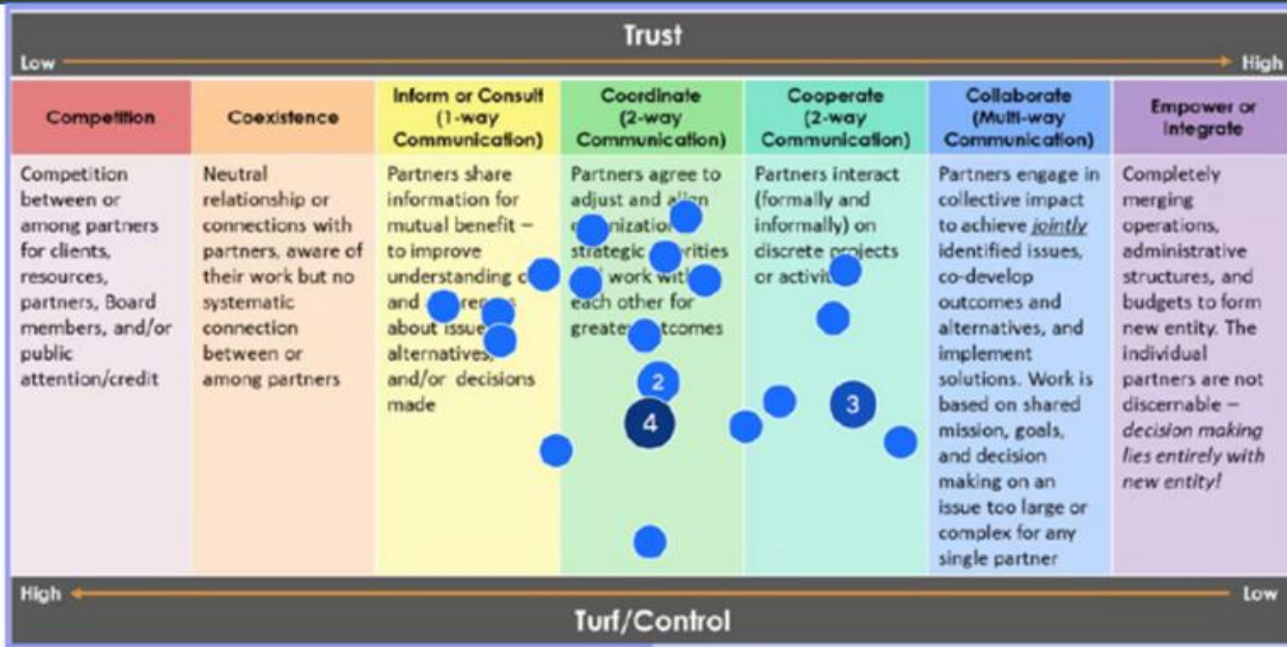


BELONGING & CONNECTION QUESTIONS

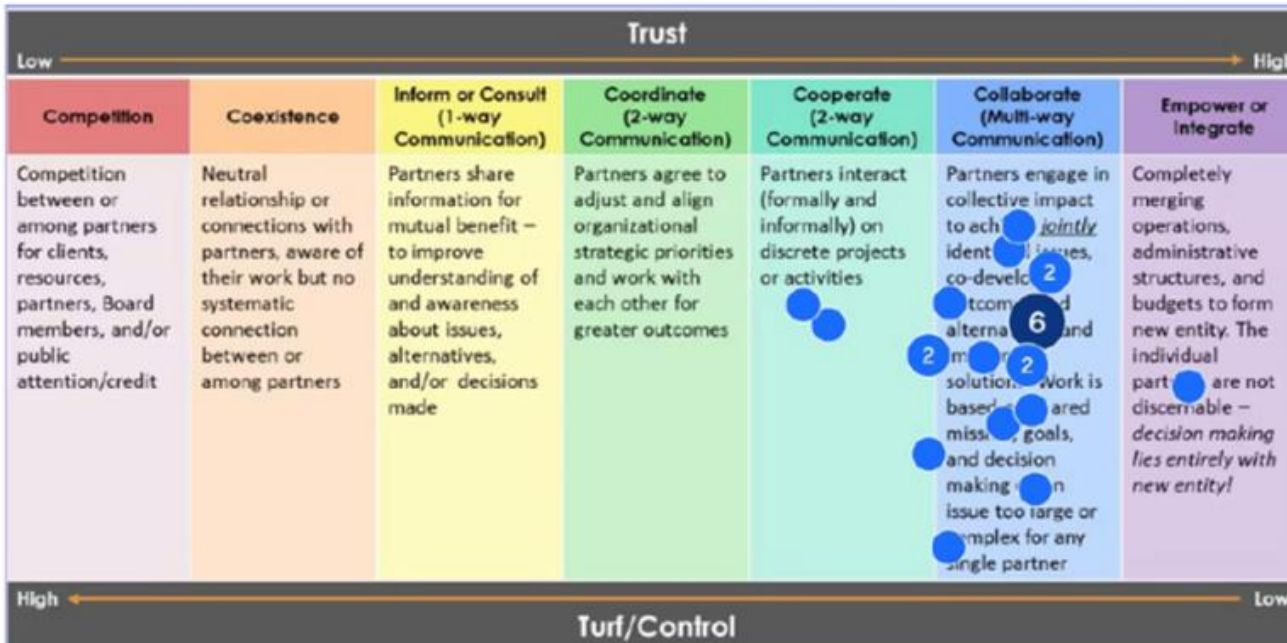
- Why is it important that I am here today?
- What are your hopes for this network?
- What are you willing to contribute?
- What will you need to keep you connected?

COLLABORATION SPECTRUM: COLLABORATION GROWS AT THE SPEED OF TRUST





Habitat GIT *currently* operates



***Would like* Habitat GIT to operate**

How you think the PLWG *currently* operates



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| Compete Competition for clients, resources, partners, public attention | Co-exist No systematic connection between organizations | Communicate Inter-organization information sharing | Cooperate As needed, often informal interaction, on discrete activities or projects | Coordinate Organizations systematically adjust and align work with each other for greater outcomes | Collaborate Longer-term interaction based on a shared mission, goals, shared decision making, and resources | Integrate Fully integrated programs, planning, and funding |
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GREENSPACE DEFINITION



FINAL DRAFT FOLLOWING FEEDBACK FROM FEBRUARY WORKGROUP MEETINGS

Urban and community greenspaces are publicly accessible outdoor lands in census designated places and urban areas that provide opportunities for both passive and active recreation while offering exposure to nature. These spaces deliver public health, community, and environmental benefits and include, but are not limited to, parks, trails, gardens, sports fields, waterfronts, community gathering areas, and natural landscapes like community forests or grasslands.

GREENSPACE TARGET LANGUAGE REVIEW: FUTURE GOAL SETTING

By 2040, permanently protect at least an additional 2 million acres of land above the 2025 baseline of 9.3 million acres. The 2 million acres will include specific targets for: riparian forests; wetlands (including migration corridors); natural areas supporting healthy streams; agricultural lands; tribal homelands; and urban and community greenspace.

Next Steps:

1. Determine the baseline acreage for protected urban and community greenspace
2. Consider trends of greenspace protection over time, when data is available, to create an acreage projection for the 2040 target.
3. Identify priority areas for greenspace protection and access (in collaboration with Public Access Workgroup)
 - What areas in the watershed would you like to see prioritized when it comes to the protection of greenspace?



MEMBER SHARE-OUTS