



Protected Lands Workgroup Meeting

October 6, 2026
2:00-4:00pm

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Agenda

Meeting Materials:

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Purpose: Discuss progress on the Management Strategy drafting, future focus meetings for target development, and source water protection in the Potomac.

Welcome and Introductions

(2:00 - 2:10pm)

Place your name and affiliation in the chat

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite thing about fall?

I. Protected Lands Workgroup Membership

(2:10 - 2:25)

- Lead: Sophie Waterman, USGS, PLWG Coordinator
- Participants will review the workgroup's updated membership structure, and discuss participation expectations for non-voting members and interested parties.
- Materials:
 - Presentation Slides
 - [Governance and Management Framework](#)

II. Updates on the Protected Lands Management Strategy Chapter (2:25-2:45)

- Lead: Sophie Waterman, USGS, PLWG Coordinator
- Participants will review the second draft of the Protected Lands Management Strategy, learn what has changed since the previous version, and take part in a consensus vote on whether to share this draft with the PSC. This draft represents the first opportunity for PSC-level review and is not the final version of the management strategy.
- Requested Action: **Decisional**, Members and interested parties are asked to review the re-worked draft Management Strategy.
- Materials:
 - Presentation Slides
 - Management Strategy Version 2

III. Target Development Action Teams (2:45-3:00)

- Lead: Sophie Waterman, USGS, PLWG Coordinator
- Participants will learn about the effort underway to form action teams to aid in the development of our priority area targets.
- Requested Action: Non-decisional
- Materials:
 - Presentation Slides

IV. Advancing Source Water Protection (3:00-4:00)

- Lead: Renee Thomson, ICPRB, Jeff Lerner, EPA, PLWG Chair
- Participants will learn about ICPRB's [Land Prioritization Mapping to Protect Drinking Water Quality](#) project and engage in a discussion about priority areas that may present opportunities for action.
- Requested Action: Non-decisional
- Materials:
 - Presentation Slides

V. Adjourn (4:00pm)

- Next Meeting: December 1, 2:00-4:00pm
 - Exchange positive updates, including new initiatives, grant opportunities, program successes, and emerging resources that support protection work.

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