



Protected Lands Workgroup Meeting

Wednesday March 29th, 2023

3:00 - 5:00 PM Virtual meeting via [Link](#)

Meeting ID: 285 024 233 725 Passcode: 5uvHeS

Attendees		
Alex Silvis	Ashton Berdine	Kerri Batrowny
Anthony Bobo Jr	Michelle Campbell	Cheryl Wise
Aurelia Gracia	John Wolf	Louis Keddell
Mike Bonnell	Wendy O'Sullivan	Damien Ossi
Ashley Rebert	Renee Thompson	Britt Slattery
Anna Killius	Ben Alexandro	Peter Claggett
Wuillam Urvina	Sara Coleman	John Rowe

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Action Items

- Develop a color-coding system for the Logic & Action Plan (Next Meeting Topic)
- Collect data on progress toward the Protected Lands Outcome
- Identify and contact additional partners to aid implementation

Introductions (3pm-3:15pm)

- Lead partners, workgroup chair, and workgroup members introduced themselves and shared who inspired their career in conservation/natural resources.

Protected Lands Workgroup Background (3:15pm – 3:35pm)

- The Chesapeake Bay Program and Agreement has 10 goals for the watershed agreement, including the Fostering Stewardship goal implementation team (GIT 5).

- The Protected Lands Workgroup is responsible for conserving landscapes, sustaining working forests and farms, and conserving lands of cultural indigenous and community value.
- The Protected Lands Workgroup works with Lead Federal Agencies, including EPA, NPS, USGS, NOAA, UFS, and FWS. Furthermore, every workgroup should have representation from the 7 watershed jurisdictions: MD, VA, DC, PA, NY, WV, DE.

Workgroup Responsibilities (3:35pm – 4:40pm)

- The Protected Lands Workgroup aims to protect an additional two million acres of land by 2025.
- The Strategy Review System (SRS) provides an avenue for broad direction for management of the work.
- The Logic & Action Plan illustrates the link between factors that could impact the work group's ability to achieve an outcome and the actions it is taking to manage them.
- Tracking and reporting progress toward protecting land from development is critical to understanding progress toward enhancing climate resiliency.
- Workgroup members are expected to assist and advise development of the action plan, contribute to implementation of actions, help identify and contact additional partners to aid implementation, act as liaison for annual tracking of progress, and assist with self-reflection/adaptive management.
- New Workgroup members discussed alignment between goals and member groups, as well as any questions or concerns.
 - Maryland's conservation funding includes Program Open Space.
 - DC recently gained a non-profit organization for land conservation.
 - Need to steward non-urban, conserved land and regulate unprotected DC land.
 - Financial strain affects some jurisdictions; few land trusts and limited capacity.
 - LWCF funds tied to outdoor recreation plans available for each state.
 - Other federal programs for conservation funding.
 - Difficulty accessing funds due to reimbursement and matching requirements.
 - General issue of managing conserved land for many jurisdictions.
- Workgroup provides opportunities to share and exchange ideas for solutions that can work across states.

Logistics (4:40pm- 5pm)

- Workgroup meetings will be held monthly. (Temporarily)
- Communications will be through the MS Teams Portal.