



SAV Workgroup Fall 2026 Meeting

Wednesday, November 4th, 2026
10:00 AM - 4:15 PM

**Online and at the Annapolis CBPO at
1750 Forest Drive, Suite 130, Annapolis, MD 21401**

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Purpose: The SAV Fall 2026 Meeting will discuss Chesapeake Bay Program and SAV Workgroup updates, provide an opportunity for members to present on ongoing and completed projects, and have an open dialogue with workgroup participants about the workgroup as a whole.

Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions (10:00 – 10:20)

SAV Workgroup Chairs will lead the introduction of participants in the room and online.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Leads: Brooke Landry (SAV Workgroup Chair), Erin Shields (SAV Workgroup Vice-Chair)

Materials: N/A

II. Chesapeake Bay Program and SAV Workgroup Updates (10:20 – 12:00)

The SAV Workgroup Chairs will share updates on the SAV Outcome Management Strategy Timeline, Workplan Development, and other resources. Come ready to brainstorm workplans.

Requested Action: N/A

Lead: SAV Workgroup Chairs

Materials: SAV Workgroup Fall Quarterly Meeting Updates Presentation

III. Lunch (On Your Own) (12:00 – 12:45)

IV. Member Presentations (12:45 – 3:20)

Workgroup Participants will present updates on various ongoing and completed projects, with opportunities to receive questions and feedback.

Requested Action: N/A

Lead: SAV Chairs

Materials: N/A

Presentations:

- **12:45 - 1:15:** Cassie Gurbisz, Jillian Zukley, Lizzie Edwards, and Sam Collins (SMCM) Research Updates
- **1:20 - 1:45:** Camille Wilson (VIMS): Improving Seed-Based Eelgrass Restoration: Assessing Seed Collection and Storage Methods
- **1:50 - 2:10:** James Mullahoo (Caltech) – Updating Chesapeake Bay SAV Habitat Criteria
- **2:15 - 2:35:** Chris Patrick (VIMS) – Updates on VIMS' Automation Work
- **2:40 - 3:00:** Theaux Le Gardeur (Gunpowder Riverkeeper) Gunpowder River SAV Updates
- **3:05 - 3:20:** Kaitlin Scowen (MDNR): Bay Grasses in Classes 2.0

V. Open Discussion and Wrap-Up (3:20 – 4:00)

Requested Action: N/A

Lead: SAV Chairs

Materials: N/A

VI. Adjourn (4:00)

Next Meeting: TBD