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Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT)

Monday, April 27th, 2026

1:00 - 4:00 PM

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Purpose: This is the monthly meeting of the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT). Meeting topics will include updates and discussion on governance, structure and management strategies as well as a discussion on what 2040 means for RENPS Target 2 and a primer on how loads and trends data are determined.

Agenda

I. Welcome and Announcements (1:00 – 1:05 PM)

Please ensure your name and affiliation are accurately captured in the participants list. If not, please enter your correct name & affiliation in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally. See top of the agenda for details on new meeting security settings.

Lead: CWGT Co-Chairs

II. Business, Workgroup & Phase 7 Updates (1:05 – 1:25 PM)

Jeremy will share updates from WQGIT workgroups and update members on plans for the hybrid June meeting. Sarah McDonald, USGS will also share an update on the Phase 7 Land Use Time Series Review.

Requested Action: Informational.

Lead: Jeremy Hanson, WQGIT Coordinator

Materials: Coordinator Updates Presentation, Land Use Time Series Review Summary

III. Governance and Structure Update and Discussion (1:25 – 2:10 PM)

Lee will provide updates on CBP governance and structure changes that are working through the Management Board and partnership. Lee will lead a discussion on an assessment of the workgroups under the Clean Water Goal Team, including considerations for Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring (WQSAM)-related groups, which the CWGT will be asked to approve at our May meeting.

Requested Action: Informational, for feedback and discussion.

Lead: Lee McDonnell, CWGT Co-Chair

Materials: Presentation, TBD

IV. Management Strategy Update and Discussion (2:10 – 2:55 PM)

Greg will provide an update on the current expectations and timeline for Management Strategy development. Greg will highlight initial considerations for drafting Management Strategies for the CWGT and our associated Outcomes, including drafting assignments.

Requested Action: Informational, for feedback and discussion.

Lead: Greg Sandi, CWGT Co-Chair

Materials: Presentation, TBD

V. Break (2:55 – 3:05 PM)

VI. Discussion: What does 2040 mean for RENPS Target 2? (3:05 – 3:30 PM)

As we look to develop management strategies for the RENPS Outcome and move to setting targets, Greg and Lee will lead a discussion on what we should be aiming for in 2040 with respect to the RENPS Target #2:

- “By December 31, 2030, revise the planning targets approved by the Principals’ Staff Committee for nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment, incorporating the latest watershed modeling, monitoring data and research findings, and develop new or amended Watershed Implementation Plans to meet the updated targets by 2040.”

Requested Action: Informational, for discussion.

Lead: Greg Sandi and Lee McDonnell, CWGT Co-Chairs

Materials: N/A

- VII. Where do loads and trends come from? (3:30 – 3:55 PM)**
Jimmy and Jeff will give an overview of how USGS translates water quality samples to management-relevant information.

Requested Action: Informational.

Leads: Jimmy Webber and Jeff Chanut, USGS

Materials: Presentation

- VIII. Wrap-Up (3:55 – 4:00 PM)**
Lead: Caroline Kleis, WQGIT Co-Staffer

- IX. Adjourn (4:00 PM)**

Next Meeting: [Monday, May 18, 2026](#)

Announcements & Reminders

- The next [CRC Roundtable](#), “Restoring Positivity: Chesapeake Bay Watershed Success Stories,” is **Wednesday, April 15th at 12pm**. Pausing to celebrate our successes reminds us all how far we have come and is a learning opportunity for all. Our two speakers will discuss how a stream restoration project transformed a local waterway into a thriving connection point and the collaborative, large-scale oyster restoration effort across Maryland and Virginia that is rebuilding critical habitats. Join the Roundtable for a healthy dose of positivity. Register [here](#).
- The PENNVEST [Clean Water Procurement Program \(CWPP\)](#) is accepting proposals until **Wednesday, April 22nd**. The program supports the installation of best management practices to help Pennsylvania achieve the most current TMDL limits for nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment. Learn more and watch the program overview recording [here](#).
- The next [Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee \(STAC\) Topical Meeting](#) will be **Thursday, April 30th at 1-4pm** on the theme of “AI and Machine Learning for Chesapeake Bay Science and Management.” Register and learn more [here](#).
- Are you a part of the [Chesapeake Steward Map](#)? Meredith Lemke, Stewardship Workgroup Staffer, will be hosting [Chesapeake Steward Map 101](#) sessions on **Monday, May 11th and June 8th at 12pm**. Join to learn about the network science theory foundational to the creation of the Chesapeake Steward Map as well as how to use this tool. Attendees will be invited to join and explore the Map. To be added to the Calendar Invite, email lemkem@chesapeake.org.
- Several upcoming conferences have opened submissions for proposals. Due dates are below.
 - [2026 Potomac Conference: The Future of Water Supply](#) – Speaker Submissions due **Friday, May 15th**
 - [Chesapeake Watershed Forum](#) - Session Proposals due **Friday, May 29th**
 - [Capital Area Natural Resource Management Symposium](#) – Abstract Submissions due **Sunday, May 31th**
- The [2026 Mid-Atlantic Agroforestry Conference](#) is on **June 4-5, 2026**, in Pennsylvania Furnace, PA. Registration is now open! The agenda will include farm/site tours, panel discussion, and resource guidance and statuses. Learn more and register for the conference [here](#).

Acronyms

BMP: Best Management Practice

CAST: [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#)

CWGT: Clean Water Goal Team

CBP: Chesapeake Bay Program

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

MB: [Management Board](#)

RENPS: Reducing Excess Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Sediment

STAC: [Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee](#)

USGS: U.S. Geological Survey

WQGIT: [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)