



Coordinator Updates

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Beverly-Triton Beach Park in Edgewater, Md, 2015

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Agenda at a glance

- Welcome & Intro
- Business, Workgroup & Phase 7 Updates
- Clean Water Goal Team, Planning Horizon
- Phase 7 Update and Planning
- Airshed & Watershed Model Primer
- BREAK
- Future Model Updates
- Wrap-Up & Adjourn

NFWF soliciting proposals: Chesapeake WILD proposals by April 9th; SWG proposals by April 12th

STAC at-large nominations open through March 16th

**Business,
News &
Reminders**

ICYMI – Recording is available of CBP webinar on METRIC tool

Chesapeake Stormwater Network upcoming webinars February 24, March 3 and March 10

Reminder to check agenda for more announcements or reminders you may not want to miss!

Thank you, Suzanne & Greg!

& to all other outgoing GIT
Chairs

Welcome to our new Goal
Team Co-Chairs moving
forward...

- Management Board approved new Goal Team Co-Chairs at their Feb. 12th meeting:
- Thriving Habitat, Fisheries & Wildlife
 - Kevin Schabow, Director, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office
 - Becky Gwynn, Deputy Director, VA Department of Wildlife Resources
- Clean Water
 - Greg Sandi, Chief, Watershed Restoration Planning Division, MD Department of the Environment
 - Lee McDonnell, Chief, Science Analysis and Implementation Branch, EPA CBPO
- Healthy Landscapes
 - Claire Jantz, Deputy Secretary of Conservation and Technical Services, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
 - Ken Hyer, Chesapeake Bay Coordinator, U.S. Geological Survey
- Engaged Communities
 - Julie Lawson, Program Analyst, DC Department of Energy and Environment
 - Julia Wakeling, Environmental Protection Specialist, DC Department of Energy and Environment

Phase 7 Decision Tracker Updates

- Wastewater Treatment Workgroup (WwTWG) on Thursday (2/26)
 - Finalizing four aspects of the optional inputs for the Sanitary Sewer Exfiltration estimation method
- Remaining decisions outlined on decisions tracker (Feb 19 version)
 - Agriculture Modeling Team (AMT) on Friday (2/27)
 - Broiler population, litter generation and concentrations
 - Inorganic fertilizer
 - Supplemental NM practices on pasture and hay
 - Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG) next Thursday (3/5)
 - NEIEN appendix (Phase 6 for historical reporting & Phase 7)
 - Decision via email by 2/19: Methods for reporting ag NM on pasture/hay (no stops or holds received as of 2/19)
- Updates since our January WQGIT meeting
 - WTWG approved P7 load sources to BMP mapping

More information: <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/projects/phase-7-model-development>

Workgroup updates

Full workgroup updates provided in later slides; please consult posted slides at your convenience

Workgroup Updates (summary)

open to Chairs or Coordinators to add more

Wastewater

Will meet Feb 26th to finalize four aspects of the optional inputs for the Sanitary Sewer Exfiltration estimation method for Phase 7. The group will also hear an introductory presentation on developing E3 Scenarios.

Next meeting: February 26, 10am-12pm

Watershed Technical

Very full and productive February meeting, and decisional items for March 5th: please see more detailed summary to learn more.

Next meeting: March 5th, 10am-12pm

Agriculture

Next meeting will be hybrid and will include conversations building on Bay in the Balance conference, a recently released PA DEP CAP case study, and multiple discussions related to agricultural BMPs.

Next Meeting: March 4th, 1:45pm-4:45pm (hybrid)

Urban Stormwater

Met Feb 17th to begin discussing E3 Scenario Development and hear a presentation on funding and technical assistance programs through EPA

Next meeting: March 17, 10am - 12pm

Workgroup updates – more details

Agriculture

- The AgWG met on January 29th and approved an updated matrix mapping BMPs to load sources, including a list of ag BMPs mapped to solar land uses, The group also heard introductions from nominees for the At-Large and Vice Chair positions, a refresher on the E3 Scenario, and an overview of Water Quality Monitoring efforts in York County, PA.
- The AgWG will meet again on March 4th from 1:45-4:45, following the conclusion of the Bay in the Balance Conference. This meeting will include conversations on takeaways from the conference, an overview of the recently released PA DEP CAP Case Study, an interactive group activity, and multiple discussion items related to agricultural BMPs. The AgWG will also move forward with confirming their nomination for Vice Chair.
- Next Meeting: March 4th 1:45-4:45

Forestry

- The FWG has begun discussions on Forestry BMP inputs into the E3 scenarios for Phase 7. The FWG will discuss over the next 6-8 months how to update the recommendations for timber harvest in the natural sector, forest buffers in the agricultural sector, and tree canopy in the developed sector for Phase 7 planning.
- STAC will be hosting a workshop on Tuesday-Wednesday, February 24-25th, 2026, focused on identifying stressors to forest health, stressor impact on forest decline, impact on forests ability to improve water quality, and developing management recommendations. You can read more about the workshop [here](#).
- Next Meeting: March 4th 9am-11am

Workgroup updates – more details

Urban Stormwater

- USWG met Feb 17th to begin discussing E3 Scenario Development and hear a presentation on funding and technical assistance programs through EPA.
- Next Meeting: March 17, 10am-12pm

Wastewater Treatment

- WWTWG will meet Feb 26th to finalize four aspects of the optional inputs for the Sanitary Sewer Exfiltration estimation method for Phase 7. The group will also hear an introductory presentation on developing E3 Scenarios.
- Next Meeting: February 26, 10am - 12pm

Workgroup updates – more details

Watershed Technical

- The WTWG met February 5th and approved the mapping of BMPs to load sources and an addition of a “duplicates” tab to Progress validation reports. The group also discussed updates to the Phase 6 and Phase 7 NEIEN Appendix, which will be finalized in March. Other agenda items included an overview of a potential conversion factor for Animal Waste Management Systems, a presentation on the E3 and No Action Scenarios, and a proposed process for proportioning nutrient management acres to pasture and hay land uses for Phase 7. This ag nutrient management process was voted on via email in February.
- The WTWG will meet in March to approve the items carried over from February; discuss and approve an AMT recommendation for efficiencies of Supplemental Nutrient Management, Rate, Placement, and Timing; and confirm nominations for Chair/Vice Chair.
- Next Meeting: March 5th, 10-12am

Toxic Contaminants

- The February meeting was canceled.
- TCW will next meet March 11th to discuss Indicators and hear a technical presentation.
- Next meeting: March 11, 1-3pm

Workgroup updates – more details

Federal Facilities

- The FFWG canceled their February 10th meeting.
- Next meeting: April 14, 10am-12pm

Land Use

- The land use time series (1985-2021/22) starts rolling reviews in mid-February. The official review period, when all data will be complete, is March 2nd-13th, 2026. There will be an optional office hours meeting to discuss this time series data in March.
- Next Meeting: [Time series review office hours](#) (March 3, 1:00-3:00)

Milestones

- No update. Milestone Partners should have submitted required items on Feb 13th.
- Next meeting: TBD