



Coordinator updates

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An eastern redbud blooms in Rock Creek Park, April 2021: <https://flic.kr/p/2kTUjGP>

Photo by Will Parson, Chesapeake Bay Program



Happy Earth Day

...and Arbor Day (April 26)

...and National Park Week

...And Chesapeake Bay
Week! (Maryland Public
Television)



Image credit: Will Parson, Chesapeake Bay
Program. Trees planted in Jefferson
County, WV. <https://flic.kr/p/UZP2hF>

GIT-Funding

Results posted on today's calendar page

Submitted our list to EPA CBPO managers on April 15, highlighting 4 priorities out of 12 projects

~20 total priorities submitted across the partnership GITs + STAR

Next steps, timeline and total funding available are TBD; we will update WQGIT promptly

Other notes or reminders

USGS hires

New WQGIT staffer starts in May

NOAA-CBO released their winter 2023-2024 seasonal summary

Conferences & events

EPA Mid-Atlantic Virtual Summit: Thursday May 16, 10:00AM-4:00PM. Registration free and open to all. Theme: "[Empowering Communities for Environmental Equity](#)."

Chesapeake Watershed Forum accepting proposals until May 16. Theme: "Making it Last: Proven tactics for building enduring projects, partnerships and organizations." Forum held Oct 16-20 at NCTC in Shepherdstown, WV.

Restore America's Estuaries summit early bird registration open until Aug 2. This summit held in DC area, Oct 6-10

Timeline:

Modeled Load Reduction Indicator & CAST-23

- **April 30:** MLR Indicator update published
 - adds latest year of data to Chesapeake Progress
- **April 30:** Finalized 2023 Progress scenario released to public on CAST-19
- **May 14:** CAST-23 released to public; CAST-19 closed
 - CAST users can expect email reminders about the update and downtime

Workgroup Updates (optional)

2 minutes or less, open to Chairs or Coordinators

Wastewater

Watershed
Technical

Toxics

Federal
Facilities

Forestry

Agriculture

Urban
Stormwater

Land Use

Break

We will restart at 2:30