CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday October 28, 2024
Time: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM Eastern Time
Location: **Link:**
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Meeting materials: https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/water-quality-goal-implementation-team-git-3-meeting-october-2024

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Agenda

Topic	Start time (duration)	Item Title *Item description*	Speaker(s) or presenter(s) Materials
	1:00	**Welcome and Introduction** *We will use Webex for roll call purposes, so please ensure your name and affiliation are accurately captured in the WebEx participants list. If not, please enter your correct name & affiliation in the chat box. If multiple participants are joining through the same location, please enter your names in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally.*	Suzanne Trevena, EPA, WQGIT Chair
	(20 min)	**Announcements & Verbal Updates** • *Coordinator Updates – Jeremy Hanson, CRC* • *PSC/Beyond 2025* • *Workgroup Updates (2 min or less, open to workgroup chairs or coordinators)*	**Materials:** Presentation

Planning	1:20 (25 min)	**Run through of Management Board Update** *Suzanne will run through the 2025 WIP outcome update for the November 7th Management Board Quarterly Progress Meeting.* *Informational. Feedback welcome for any crucial final updates.*	Suzanne Trevena, EPA, WQGIT Chair
Phase 7 model development	1:45 (30 min)	**Phase 7 development and process** *Auston will walkthrough feedback and updates on the combined Phase 7 development timeline. Jeremy and Auston will share principles for review and approval, as a follow-up to the WQGIT's September discussion.* *Informational.*	Auston Smith, EPA CBPO & Jeremy Hanson, CRC, WQGIT Coordinator **Materials:** Presentation
	2:15	**10-minute Break**	
Milestones	2:25 (60 min)	**Near term milestones ideas extravaganza** *"Near term" milestones are those milestones that span 2026 through when there are new targets established by the partnership using the Phase 7 modeling tools (approximately 2028 or 2029).* *Suzanne will build from the September Milestones presentation and lead the group through multiple discussions to address key questions that include:* • *Consider pros/cons for various time length for milestones* • *Review the existing template for milestones and are there elements missing for transparency and accountability* • *Consider what innovative ideas you'd include in milestones if there were no expected evaluation of progress (no "ding")* • *How would you balance accountability and innovation?* • *Should other outcomes be incorporated in some fashion the milestones?* *First, she will review possible principles or guidelines and seek input from participants about what may be most relevant for the near term period. Next the group will review and discuss potential pros and cons associated with different frequencies for the near term milestones period. The group will also brainstorm and discuss organization or attributes of the current milestones template.*	Suzanne Trevena, EPA, WQGIT Chair **Materials:** Presentation See also: Materials from January 2009 PSC meeting

Decision [WQGIT August 2024]: The WQGIT agreed to hold discussions on Milestones within the WQGIT for the "near term" milestones. "Near term" milestones are those milestones between 2026 and when there are new targets established by the partnership using the Phase 7 modeling tools. The WQGIT will develop recommendations for duration and piloting new ideas for the "near term" milestones. The WQGIT may also decide to delegate long term follow up items for milestones to the Milestones Workgroup.

Active discussion and conversation is desired so please bring your ideas, examples, questions and comments!

Advance Action requested: Thoughts and input in advance of the meeting is always welcome.

Any additional actions will be determined based on discussion.

3:25	Recap of Actions and Decisions	Sushanth Gupta, CRC
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Written announcements or reminders

- Announcements or opportunities
  - The next CRC Roundtable is Wednesday, October 16th from 12-1pm is titled "The Burden of Data Centers on Our Communities." Register to join this free session and join the speakers **Lauren Bridges** (Assistant Professor of Media Studies, University of Virginia) and **Julie Bolthouse** (Director of Land Use, Piedmont Environmental Council) for a conversation about data centers, their environmental and community impacts, and possible paths forward.
  - **CAST webinars are back!** There will be a CAST webinar in October, but the topic and speaker are pending confirmation. Stay tuned, and check the CAST 'Free Training Videos' page for updates.
  - The Chesapeake Bay Trust's Goal Implementation Team Funding Program (GIT Funding) RFP has been released! Opportunities include projects submitted by the WQGIT such as 'Beyond Bean Counting.'
    - To view the RFP, visit this link.
    - The deadline for applications is 4pm on October 21st, 2024.
    - Please contact Kaleigh Katzenberger (kkatzenberger@cbtrust.org), CBT with any questions.
  - The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership, is soliciting proposals under the **Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction (INSR) Grants** program. For 2025, this includes both **INSR Partnership Grants** supporting the coordinated and collaborative efforts of sustainable, local and regional-scale partnerships working to implement proven

water quality improvement practices more cost-effectively, as well as an **INSR Infrastructure Grants** opportunity for projects working to implement critical natural and nature-based watershed restoration infrastructure at scale.

- ▪ <mark>**All proposals must be submitted no later than noon, November 5, 2024.**</mark> NFWF will host an optional applicant webinar at **2:00PM on Thursday, September 12. Interested parties must register for the webinar** here. For those who cannot participate, a recording of the webinar will be posted to NFWF's website by Monday, September 16.
- ▪ Including funds made available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, NFWF estimates awarding $25-30 million in grants through the INSR program in 2025, contingent on the availability of funding. Major funding for the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund comes from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay Program Office, with other important contributions by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Forest Service, and Altria Group.
- ▪ NFWF strongly encourages all prospective INSR applicants to consult with NFWF program staff prior to submitting applications and **no later than October 30, 2024**. These consultations help to ensure eligibility and competitiveness of proposed projects and allow NFWF program staff to provide constructive feedback to strengthen proposed projects, consistent with program priorities. <mark>**Prospective applicants can schedule consultations with NFWF program staff using** this link.</mark> Prospective applicants are also encouraged to contact CBSF field liaisons to vet potential project ideas prior to contacting NFWF staff directly.
  - o River Network Rooting Resilience RFA is out!
    - ▪ Due October 23rd, 2023
    - ▪ If you have questions email rootingresilience@rivernetwork.org
  - o **The Chesapeake Bay Program's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) and the Chesapeake Research Consortium (CRC) have released a request for proposal (RFP) for their Science Synthesis Project.** Click here for an overview of the synthesis project and click here to view the RFP. Proposals are due to STAC by Monday, December 2nd. Please email Meg Cole, STAC coordinator, (colem@chesapeake.org), or Larry Sanford, STAC chair, (lsanford@umces.edu) with additional questions.
  - o **Beyond 2025 Public Feedback Period is closed.** The full compilation of comments is available at the bottom of the https://chesapeakebay.net/beyond2025 webpage. Direct link to Beyond 2025 comments.

This meeting will be recorded for internal purposes. Current EPA policy does not allow for distribution of the recordings.

Closed captioning will be available for this meeting. To turn on the closed captioning, select the "cc" button in the bottom left corner of the screen. To show a live transcript of the meeting, go to the bottom right-hand corner of the screen and select "captions".

If you have any other accessibility concerns, please contact Sushanth Gupta (gupta.sushanth@epa.gov).

Acronyms

CAST: Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool

CBPO: Chesapeake Bay Program Office

CRC: Chesapeake Research Consortium

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency
GIT: Goal Implementation Team
MB: Management Board
MS4: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

NFWF: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
PSC: Principals' Staff Committee
RFA: Request for Applications
RFP: Request for Proposal

WIP: Watershed Implementation Plan
WQGIT: Water Quality Goal Implementation Team