WQGIT SUBMERSION SERIES

Technical Assistance and Capacity at the Local Level

Location: Zoom (register here in advance or to join live)

Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Time: 11:00AM – 12:30PM

Event page for more info: https://bit.ly/WQGITSubSeriesJan2024

This session was organized by a multi-partner planning team led by Erin Trouba (Penn State Extension) and Ruth Cassilly (University of Maryland, College Park), Jackie Pickford (Chesapeake Research Consortium) and Jeremy Hanson (Chesapeake Research Consortium)

Objectives

- To discuss the opportunities and barriers to building and maintaining local capacity
- To share success stories capacity building efforts throughout the watershed

Pre-webinar housekeeping:

- Registration is required to join, and you can register and join after the webinar begins. Please note the link provided to you by Zoom is unique and should not be shared.
- We will begin promptly at 11:00. Those who join early will be kept in the waiting room and all users will be admitted when we are ready to start. Do not stress if you join late, we will admit you as promptly as we can.
- Users are automatically muted, and your camera will be turned off; please remain muted with your camera off while speakers present and unless you are called on by a moderator.
- If technical questions with Zoom or other issues, please email Jeremy at hansonj@chesapeake.org

Agenda

Time		
11:00AM	*Welcome and Housekeeping*	*Jeremy Hanson (Chesapeake Research Consortium)*
	Sector presentations *Moderators will do our best to monitor and address comments and questions in the chat throughout the webinar. Each presenter will have brief time (~3 minutes) for immediate verbal responses before we move to the next speaker, and we can circle back to other questions in the final segment as able. Questions not answered during the webinar will be captured and we'll do our best to address them in a follow-up email.*	

11:05AM	*Presentation: Addressing the Capacity for Ag Conservation in Pennsylvania* **Description:** With over 30,000 farms in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, building agricultural technical assistance capacity in Pennsylvania is crucial for achieving water quality goals before and beyond 2025. The Center for Ag Conservation Assistance Training is an innovative collaborative model for meeting current and future capacity needs.	*Jennifer Fetter (Penn State Extension)*
11:25AM	*Presentation: What's On the Horizon? Local Capacity and Success for Stormwater Beyond 2025* **Description***:* Virginia works with local partners through a variety of ways, often looking to regional planning commissions to convey information and technical assistance related to Chesapeake Bay Program efforts. This presentation will show examples of regional efforts towards achieving Bay TMDL goals in the stormwater sector related to local capacity, implementation, and innovation, highlighting what's working and what can be built upon beyond 2025.	*Dr. KC Filippino (Hampton Roads Planning District Commission)*
11:45AM	*Presentation: Building Capacity for Chesapeake Bay Watershed Forestry* **Description:** The Bay Program set ambitious watershed forestry goals in the 2014 Watershed Agreement. To meet the partnership's goals for riparian forest buffers and urban tree canopy, the rate of tree planting will need to accelerate rapidly, which will require building a much larger, sustainable workforce. This presentation will describe the current capacity limitations for accelerating watershed forestry, identify challenges to building the needed capacity, and provide real-world examples of	*Dr. Katherine Brownson (USDA Forest Service)* *and* *Beth Ginter, MPSLD, CBLP (Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council)*

	successful models for capacity building.	
12:05PM	*Guided Discussion*	*Erin Trouba (Penn State Extension) & Ruth Cassilly (University of Maryland)*
12:25PM	***Wrap-up*** *Summary statements: Where do we go from here?*	
12:30PM	*Adjourned*	

Session will be recorded and posted on YouTube ([@SubmersionSeries](#)) for future consumption and learning by interested partners.