

# CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

## Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) Meeting Agenda

Date: January 23, 2023  
Time: 1:00 PM – 3:40 PM Eastern Time  
Location:

Link:

<https://umces.webex.com/umces/j.php?MTID=mfd7823b90cb70f3956d087ca74ceb44d>

Meeting number: 2626 261 4765

Password: WQGIT2023

Join by phone: +1-408-418-9388

Access code: 262 626 14765



**Chesapeake Bay Program**

*Science. Restoration. Partnership.*

Meeting materials: <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/water-quality-goal-implementation-team-git-3-meeting-january-2023>

## Written announcements or reminders

- NEW Agenda Format
  - As you can see, we are implementing a new standard template for WQGIT agendas. Formatting is subject to change as we make improvements in the first few months of 2023. Feedback on the agenda format, or future agenda topics, is welcome at your convenience. Email Jeremy ([hansonj@chesapeake.org](mailto:hansonj@chesapeake.org)) and Jackie ([pickford.jacqueline@epa.gov](mailto:pickford.jacqueline@epa.gov)).
- NFWF Chesapeake Agricultural Networking Forum (CANF) virtual sessions – final sessions are this month
  - Recordings of sessions already completed are also available for download on NFWF's CANF [website](#)
  - [Advancing Agricultural Conservation through a Social Science Lens](#), 10:00AM-12:00PM, Tuesday, January 24
- Check it out! JAWRA Featured Collection: *Effects of Climate Change on Chesapeake Bay Water Quality*
  - <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/17521688/current>
- Chesapeake Stormwater Network's (CSN) Best Urban BMP in the Bay Award (BUBBA) competition is open! Submissions accepted through February 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Learn more the BUBBAs and submit your project on the CSN website: <https://chesapeakestormwater.net/about-the-bubbas/>

# Agenda

Topic	Start time (duration)	Item Title <i>Item description</i>	Speaker(s) or presenter(s)
	1:00	<p><b><u>Welcome and Introduction</u></b></p> <p><i>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 &amp; 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.</i></p>	Ed Dunne, DC DOEE, WQGIT Chair
	(20 min)	<p><b><u>Announcements &amp; Verbal Updates</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Progress Update – Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting</i></li> <li>• <i>Management Board “2025 and Beyond” – Lucinda Power, EPA CBPO</i></li> <li>• <i>Workgroup Updates (2 min or less, open to workgroup chairs or coordinators)</i></li> <li>• <i>WQGIT Coordinator Updates – Jeremy Hanson, CRC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Conowingo Dredging</i></li> <li>○ <i>Tentative timeline for oyster restoration BMP panel report review</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
WQGIT Governance	1:20 (10 min)	<p><b><u>Nominees for WQGIT At-large Membership</u></b></p> <p><i>Each nominated individual has two minutes to briefly introduce themselves to the group and speak to the relevant experience and perspectives they can offer.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Emily Dekar, Upper Susquehanna Coalition</i></li> <li>• <i>Joe Wood, Chesapeake Bay Foundation</i></li> <li>• <i>KC Filippino, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission</i></li> <li>• <i>James Webber, U.S. Geological Survey</i></li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION Requested:</b> A poll will be sent to current WQGIT members (9 signatories + 3 at-large members from previous cycle) to rank nominees by <b>COB Monday February 6</b>. Top 3 will be confirmed as at-large members for the term 2023 - 2025 at the February WQGIT meeting.</p>	WQGIT Chair & at-large nominees

Indicators & Progress	1:30 (30 min)	<p><b><u>Tree Canopy Indicator Update</u></b></p> <p><i>In the June 2022 WQGIT meeting, the Forestry Workgroup presented a proposal for a new methodology for the Tree Canopy indicator focused on capturing all gains/losses of tree cover on developed and developing lands. Some WQGIT members raised concerns about this expanding the scope beyond the urban/community focus of the outcome. Separate calls were held to understand WQGIT concerns and the Forestry Workgroup approved the decision to move forward with the original WQGIT approved methodology (2018), with minor technical adjustments aligned with feedback received. Julie will provide a brief update on this process and respond to questions. The indicator will be shared at the February 9 Management Board meeting focused on the Tree Canopy Outcome SRS Review.</i></p> <p><b>ACTION/DECISION Requested:</b> None. Informational only.</p>	Julie Mawhorter, USFS
Phase 6 CAST	2:00 (30 min)	<p><b><u>Management Board &amp; CAST status</u></b></p> <p><i>Lee and Gary will review the current CAST-21 proposal that will be discussed at the Management Board later in the week (Thursday, January 26). Participants are encouraged to ask clarifying questions about the proposal, but no other WQGIT actions or steps are requested while the MB deliberates. [Materials will be posted and available on the <a href="#">1/26 MB meeting page</a>]</i></p> <p><b>ACTION/DECISION Requested:</b> None. Informational only.</p>	Lee McDonnell, EPA CBPO; Gary Shenk, USGS
WQGIT & Workgroup Governance	2:30 2:35 (30 min)	<p><b><u>BREAK</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Updates to the Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG) Scope and Purpose</u></b></p> <p><i>The WTWG revisited and updated its Scope and Purpose to better align with the group's strengths and partnership needs moving forward. Cassie and Ruth will summarize these updates for the WQGIT.</i></p> <p><b>DECISION Requested:</b> Approval of the WTWG's updated scope and purpose descriptions. Per CBP governance, the WQGIT is asked to approve changes to the Scope and Purpose of its workgroups.</p>	Cassie Davis, NYS DEC, WTWG Chair; Ruth Cassilly, UMD, WTWG Coordinator

**WQGIT 2023 Outlook**

*WQGIT leadership will present potential ideas to enhance the WQGIT's meeting schedule for 2023, including a possible face-to-face meeting later in the year, as well as quarterly "themed" meetings focusing on items from our Logic and Action Plan.*

**ACTION Requested:** Initial reactions and feedback will be collected live (tool TBD, like Mentimeter and/or Jamboard). Revised plans and a tentative schedule will be shared and confirmed after February's meeting.

3:35

**Recap of Actions and Decisions**

Jackie Pickford, CRC

3:40

**ADJOURN**

**Additional instructions or info**

- 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 Jackie Pickford ([pickford.jacqueline@epa.gov](mailto:pickford.jacqueline@epa.gov)).

**Acronyms**

CAST: [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#)

CANF: Chesapeake Agricultural Networking Forum

CBP: Chesapeake Bay Program

COB: Close of business

CRC: Chesapeake Research Consortium

DC DOEE: District of Columbia Department of Energy & Environment

EPA CBPO: Environmental Protection Agency - Chesapeake Bay Program Office

JAWRA: Journal of American Water Resources Association

MB: [Management Board](#)

NYSDEC: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

NFWF: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

UMD: University of Maryland

USFS: United States Forestry Service

USGS: United States Geological Survey

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

WTWG: [Watershed Technical Workgroup](#)