

Watershed Technical Workgroup Members and Interested Parties,

The Watershed Technical Workgroup is now accepting nominations for at-large members. Please see below for the at-large member position description. Feel free to share widely with your networks.

About the Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG): The Watershed Technical Workgroup provides a forum for communication and discussion between and among the jurisdictions and other CBP participants on technical issues related to Best Management Practices (BMPs), Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model processes, and management strategy development and implementation reporting.

Functions of the Workgroup include:

- Support for the Clean Water Goal Team (CWGT) and the greater Bay Program partners in implementing management strategies to achieve the nutrient and sediment reductions necessary to restore the Bay.
- Support for the development of BMP Expert Panel technical appendices.
- Review and approval of the recommended BMP definitions and efficiencies from source workgroups and local jurisdictions, in collaboration with the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) and CWGT workgroups. Ensure that BMPs are consistent across sectors and communicated clearly.
- Review and approval of how BMPs are simulated in the Watershed Model to ensure that the assumptions accurately reflect real world conditions and are consistent and equitable between the different sectors.
- Review and approval of how BMPs are tracked and reported by CBP partner jurisdictions and agencies for use in the Watershed Model to ensure that the assumptions accurately reflect real world conditions and are consistent and equitable between the different sectors and are communicated clearly.
- Provision of technical review & recommendations to the CBP Modeling team and CWGT on updates to Watershed Model Processes, input data, and assessment of annual progress.

If you wish to nominate yourself or others to fill one of the open at-large positions, please submit all nominations to Auston Smith (Smith.Auston@epa.gov) and Caroline Kleis (Kleis.Caroline@epa.gov) by COB September 1st with the following information:

1. Contact information (name, affiliation, email).
2. Short C.V., resume, or bio (addressing the nominee's background).

Prior to nominating someone, please confirm that they are interested in the position and agree to be nominated.

A) At-large Member Positions (4)- 3 Reserved for Federal Agencies; 1 Open to All Nominations

Length of Term: October 2026- December 2026

Position Description

At-large members actively participate in the operations of the workgroup, including consent-based decision-making. At-large members are responsible for using their subject matter expertise and professional authority to advance workgroup priorities and projects, including management strategies and work plans. Members are also expected to engage with workgroup leadership as necessary on important implementation decisions during and between meetings. Workgroup members should have subject matter expertise to ensure forward movement on associated targets and outcomes.

Workgroup members serve as a liaison between their signatory delegation or organization and the workgroup.

Please keep in mind that all selected WTWG members, including those who may be representing federal agencies which are currently only attending the meetings on a quarterly basis, will be asked to attend all WTWG meetings upon their election as an at-large member.

Note: The WTWG and participating agencies in the Federal Facilities Workgroup agreed to reserve up to three at-large membership vacancies for members of federal agencies. In the case that there are not three nominees received from federal agencies, nominations for these positions may be opened beyond federal agencies.

Given that one signatory (CBC) does not wish to have a voting member on the WTWG, an additional vacancy remains that can be filled from nominees across the Partnership (not limited to Federal Agencies).

The slate of nominees will be announced at the September 2026 WTWG meeting.