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BMP Verification Ad-Hoc Action Team

Meeting Agenda

March 11th, 2022

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Meeting materials: [link](#)

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9:00 **Welcome, Introductions, Roll Call**, *Elliott Kellner, Chair (WVU)*

- Welcome & Roll Call of participants
- **Decision Requested:** The BMPVAHAT is asked to approve the [February meeting minutes](#).
- **Announcement:** Wetland BMP Credit Duration Recommendation, *Vanessa Van Note, EPA*
- **Next Meeting:** Friday, April 8th from 9:00 - 11:00 AM.

9:10 **NRCS Remote Sensing Pilot Project in Pennsylvania**, *Marcie Dunn and Andrew Kling, USGS/USDA-ARS (50 min).*

In an effort to assist the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to receive additional credit for applied agricultural conservation practices, Pennsylvania Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) undertook a joint proof of concept pilot project. The concept tested was to determine if remote sensing imagery could be utilized to identify and inventory conservation practices and if their associated attributes can also be collected using these methods. The secondary benefit of the pilot will be the development of a baseline inventory of conservation practices applied in the Pennsylvania portion of the Potomac River Watershed. Marcie and Andrew will give an overview of this pilot project and describe how it was completed. Following the presentation will be time for questions and discussion.

10:00 **Remote Sensing Discussion**, *Katie Walker, Chesapeake Conservancy (50 min.)*

Watershed planning and project reporting are key aspects of accomplishing nutrient and sediment reduction goals. Chesapeake Conservancy has been exploring ways to utilize remote sensing and other geospatial technologies to support BMP Verification. This presentation will provide context for previous efforts and discuss possible opportunities for moving these conversations forward. Following the presentation will be time for questions and discussion.

10:50 **Partial Credit Update**, *Vanessa Van Note, EPA (10 min.)*

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In February, the BMPVAHAT did not reach consensus on approving the recommendation for partial credit of federally funded BMPs (see official votes and rationale [here](#)).
Vanessa will give an overview of potential next steps regarding this issue.

11:00 **Adjourn**