



Agenda

Maintain Healthy Watersheds Goal Implementation Team

November 18th, 2016 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
DEP Regional Office, Susquehanna Room A
909 Elmerton Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Call-in#: 866-299-3188 Code: 410-267-5731

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10:00 Welcome and Introductions

Mark Bryer/Pennsylvania DEP Host remarks

10:10 Updates

Mark Bryer/Renee Thompson

Updates in recent developments related the Chesapeake Bay Program relevant meetings, Cross Goal Team Project: Mapping Geographic Areas that Benefit Multiple CBP Outcomes, and other brief information. Jurisdictions and members are invited to share any brief updates at this time as well.

10:30 STAC workshops

Renee Thompson/Rachel Dixon, STAC Coordinator

Each year, the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) supports the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) by providing funds and logistical support for proactive and responsive workshops and reviews. Proactive workshops and reviews are those developed by STAC members to address critical science and technical issues, while responsive workshops and reviews are those carried out as a result of a direct request from the CBP. Through these activities, the CBP can access scientific and technical expertise to analyze and recommend policy, programs, and research. This agenda topic is intended to make GIT members aware of this opportunity and brainstorm potential workshop topics that we could pursue to help fill gaps and meet our collective management strategy and workplan priorities. The next round for workshop proposals will begin in January 2017.

Activity (Brainstorming Exercise): Create a list of potential STAC workshop topics and/or determine if our team would like to prepare a proposal (volunteers will be needed). *For those on the phone, please review the presentation in advance and submit any ideas you may have in advance of the meeting. We will use your ideas to help us get started.*

11:00 Discussion: Summary of Past/Current GIT Funding

Renee Thompson

The purpose of this discussion is to provide a summary of GIT funding projects to date and how they have begun to meet Management Strategy priorities and workplan action items. The summary will be followed by a brainstorming discussion on how to be more targeted and strategic with future GIT funding opportunities. The goal is to collectively agree on a future direction with regard to GIT funding projects that are more directly relate to the needs, goals, and priorities identified by the Goal Team as a whole.

Activity (Brainstorming Exercise): Create a preliminary list of priority research or project topics to assure our Team is more strategic in the future related to this funding source. *We will have some ideas put forth to get the discussion started. Please submit any ideas for themes or general GIT funding gaps or needs that may come to mind in advance of the meeting.*

12:00 Lunch Please prepare to bring your own lunch, there are limited nearby options

1:00 Presentation: DeHart Watershed Conservation **Tanya Dierolf**
Water Sustainability Manager, Capital Region Water

Tanya will present on Capital Region Water's project, *Conserving the DeHart Property*. The DeHart Watershed Property is an 8,200 acre property which includes 7,500 acres of forestland and a 5 mile long reservoir, and is the beginning of Harrisburg's water system. In partnership with Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation and The Nature Conservancy's Working Woodlands, Capital Region Water is working to put the land in a permanent conservation easement in order to protect it. They are currently working on the next phase of this project to develop a forest stewardship plan, place 100% of the property in easement, and explore carbon generation. <http://capitalregionwater.com/managingdehart/>

1:45 Presentation: Story Maps **Katherine Wares**

Katherine will present Story Maps she created based on presentations from previous HWGIT meetings to introduce the web mapping application and its potential to better share the shared lessons and highlights of our in person meeting case study presentations related to healthy watershed protection/tracking.

Goal/Outcome: Provide feedback and suggestions related to this format, and make suggestions for more projects to highlight in this format.

2:10 Shared Goal Team Action Items **Renee Thompson**

During our May Goal Team meeting we identified 5-6 shared goal team action items that we will begin to work on collectively. Renee will review these items and provide a brief update on the status of each, relying on members and individuals leads to help fill in information as appropriate.

3:00 Depart to Wildwood Park Nature Walk

Optional: Self-guided tour of the nature center and trails. Meeting organizers will be present and look forward to stretching our legs before driving home.

<http://www.wildwoodlake.org/>

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Wildwood+Park/@40.3066894,-76.883383,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x3d49a536d673dab5!8m2!3d40.3066894!4d-76.883383>