

**Wetland Workgroup Meeting Draft Agenda**  
**September 11, 2014, 1 – 3:30pm**  
Chesapeake Bay Program Office, Conference Room 305A  
410 Severn Avenue  
Annapolis City Marina  
Annapolis, MD 21403

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Wetland goals included in new Bay Agreement (2011 to 2025)
  - a. Restore 85,000 and enhance 150,000 acres of tidal and non-tidal wetlands across the Chesapeake Bay watershed
  - b. In cooperation with other GIT Workgroups and Chesapeake Bay partners, protect an additional 225,000 acres of wetlands within the entire Chesapeake Bay Watershed.
3. Goals of Wetland Workgroup for the next year (2014 – 2015)
  - a. Convene a group of wetland professionals focused on wetland restoration and protection to leverage and accelerate efforts in priority areas in each state to assist in meeting Bay Agreement goals and developing a management strategy for wetlands.
    - i. Identify focus areas based on existing priorities and/or targeting information
    - ii. Coordinate existing funding and identify additional needs
    - iii. Farm Bill programs, state programs, USFWS, local conservation partners, etc. (new private partners)
    - iv. Test and implement innovative delivery mechanisms
    - v. Track progress/ outcomes to export lessons learned to other areas

- b. Using the experience of workgroup members, develop solutions to obstacles to meeting wetland restoration goals. Continue efforts addressing permitting difficulties.
- c. Provide input and review to Wetland Expert Panel that is reviewing current efficiencies and crediting of agricultural wetland BMPs in the Bay Model

4. Overview of how wetlands are tracked and credited

- a. Overview from a Bay Model Perspective
  - i. How data is inputted
  - ii. How credit is determined
- b. Workgroup Member Input
  - i. How we are reporting acreages for restoration, rehabilitation
  - ii. Are all activities being reported? If not, what is missing?
- c. Urban wetlands
  - i. Are these being reported and tracked?
  - ii. Is there a need for Workgroup focus in this area?
- d. Workgroup recommendations to GIT
  - i. Last year's report card only reported agricultural wetlands
  - ii. Recommendation for reporting in future and/or changes needed

5. Expert Panel

- a. Approve the Scope of Work for expert panel
- b. Approve members

6. Possible funding from Bay Program to support Wetland Workgroup needs

7. Discussion from group about recommendations for Wetland Workgroup moving forward