



**Chesapeake Bay Program  
Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG)**

**Conference call summary**

Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Call-in number:** 866.299.3188 **Code:** 267.5715

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**ACTIONS & DECISIONS**

**DECISION:** WTWG members approved the NEIEN Appendix, with the addition of acres as a reporting option for water control structures. Matt Johnston will send out a clean version of the appendix.

**DECISION:** WTWG members approved the codes list for 2014 Progress.

**ACTION:** The results of the Shoreline Management analysis will be brought back to this group. WTWG will decide at that time if the expert panel will need to review the results, or if WTWG can move forward with approval at that time.

**DECISION:** WTWG members approved the Stream Restoration report and appendix.

**MINUTES**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

- Ted Tesler, WTWG Chair, welcomed everyone to the call and confirmed participants.

**2. 2014 Progress Schedule**

- Matt Johnston reviewed the 2014 Progress Schedule and asked for questions from jurisdictions.
- VA requested extending the deadline for submitting permitted harvested forest acres, continually disturbed and permitted construction acres, and CAFO/AFO animal splits to September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Review of 2014 NEIEN Appendix and Codes List**

- Matt reviewed the changes made for the 2014 NEIEN Appendix and Codes List. Jurisdictions are asked to provide additional changes if necessary. If no other changes are requested, jurisdictions are asked to approve the documents for use in 2014 Progress.
- DE recommended adding 'acres' as a reportable unit under water control structures.
  - MD also recommended including an option for acres.
  - Olivia Devereux confirmed that in the current appendix there is not an acre option. The current conversion rate is 1 structure treats 26 acres.
- MDE: Are the Stormwater Performance BMPs included in the appendix?
  - Johnston: Stormwater Performance BMPs are in the full appendix. States will submit: Impervious acres, total site acres, volume treated and the category of BMP. Category of BMP, such as new retrofit or converted retrofit, can be found in the NEIEN codes list.
- Johnston: If we make the change to water control structures, are there any objections to approving the NEIEN Appendix?

- There were no objections.

**DECISION:** WTWG members approved the NEIEN Appendix, with the addition of acres as a reporting option for water control structures. Matt Johnston will send out a clean version of the appendix.

- Matt Johnston reviewed the codes list and asked members if there were any objections to approving the codes list for 2014?
  - There were no objections.

**DECISION:** WTWG members approved the codes list for 2014 Progress.

#### **4. Review and Approval of Shoreline Management**

- Matt reviewed changes to the Shoreline Management expert panel report and appendix, including a proposed change to the nutrient cap from these practices.
- VA asked for an analysis on areas eligible for eroding. Look at applying the protocols individually across the domain to compare reductions. There may need to be a cap.
  - Lew Linker: Agree with this approach. The Modeling workgroup can test the WQSTM with the shoreline erosion loads to determine the impact. Lew will talk to Carl Cerco to see how quickly this can be done (2-6 weeks).
  - States can fall back to the old default for reporting if there are problems with the analysis.
- Sweeney: Is MD working to pull shoreline erosion control out of stream restoration submissions for reporting to NEIEN?
  - MD is working on it.
- Bill Keeling requested he be included on the analysis and results.
  - Linker: The analysis and results will likely go to the Modeling Workgroup.
- Keeling: If we approve the report by November 1, recommend allowing this BMP to be submitted for progress this year.

**ACTION:** The results of the Shoreline Management analysis will be brought back to this group. WTWG will decide at that time if the expert panel will need to review the results, or if WTWG can move forward with approval at that time.

#### **5. Review and Approval of Stream Restoration**

- Matt Johnston: No substantive comments were received during the review of the revised appendix for Stream Restoration, so there are no changes to the appendix. There were some changes to the report, which are highlighted in the documents that were emailed yesterday. Jurisdictions are asked to approve the report and appendix, and pass the documents to the Water Quality GIT for consideration.
- VA: Does the reduction cap occur at 100%?
  - Johnston: For planning purposes, consider that it is capped at 100%. In the model, consider the cap occurring at the maximum reduction available at that point in the sequence of BMPs.
  - VA: Recommend that there also be a cap at zero.

- Devereux: There is not a cap at zero for any BMP, recommend bringing this issue up with the Modeling Workgroup.
  - Matt will add explanation of the capping rules to the technical appendix.
  - Goulet: Also explain in the technical appendix that this applies to every BMP, not just Stream Restoration.
- Norm requested that a clean copy of this document be provided for posting purposes.
- PA motion to approve the revised Stream Restoration document and appendix.
  - WV second.
  - There were no objections
  - Matt thanked Bill Stack for all his work on this report over the past two years.

**DECISION:** WTWG members approved the Stream Restoration report and appendix.

## **6. Next Meeting**

- Ted Tesler recommended cancelling the meeting scheduled for 9/4.
- Norm Goulet announced that USWG may invite WTWG members to their meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup> to hear a presentation on the gray infrastructure panel.
  - WTWG would not be asked to approve the report at that time, but would have the opportunity to ask questions.

## **Adjourned**

Next meeting: October 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **Participants**

Bill Keeling, VA-DEQ  
 Alana Hartman, WV-DEP  
 Robin Pellicano, MDE  
 Ted Tesler PA DEP  
 Jason Keppler, MDA  
 Jennifer Volk, UD  
 Bill Stack, CWP  
 Olivia Devereux, DEC  
 Emma Giese, CRC  
 Jeff Sweeney, EPA  
 Norm Goulet, NVRC  
 Sunitha George, TetraTech  
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